possession of handguns — whatever Lord Cullen's Dun-

One symbolic pledge prom-ised to fight for completion of

the European Union's single market by mid-1998. Another promised expansion of Mr

Biair's idea last year for get-ting all schools and colleges on the information super-

highway — on which Labour is talking to BT.

The startling plea for

national consensus - "We're

where your country's going that matters," he insisted. Time and again he scorn-

fully denounced a sleaze-en-

cumbered government. "Has

there ever been a government

in our history that has put it-self before the British people with less to merit its re-elec-

in addition to the 10-vow five more Tory years' and as he hammered away at his feel your senses and reason repulsed," he said.

Labour government would

Labour government would | Constantly invoking the no- and ambition had really been ban private ownership and tion that — as in 1945 and 1964 | Labour words all along.

would bring a new age of achievement. The victorious in Kabul sought

Taliban movement to present a more moderate face four days after capturing the Aighan capital.

World News

Finance Rover revealed plans to replace. the much-loved Minf by investing in a South American engine plant with US firm Chrysler.

Sport Fabrizio Ravanelli said in Italy that Manchester United had lodged a bid of £10 million for him. Middlesbrough pay him £42,000 a week:

with sufficient idealism to inspire his rank and file.

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With Sir Gordon saying he was ready to investigate the case. Mr Heseltine's office Neil Hamilton with his wife, Christine, at the High Court after formally abandoning his libel action PHOTOGRAPH GRAHAM TURNER said last night: "Mr Heseltine

☐ I vow we will have in- | time it takes young offendcreased the proportion of ers to get to court our national income we

spend on education ☐ I vow we will have reduced the proportion we spend on the welfare bills

☐ I vow we will have reduced the spending on NHS bureaucracy and in-creased it on patient care

☐ I vow we will have cut the number of long-term unemployed and cut by over a half the number of

young people unemployed ☐ I vow we will halve the relationship in Europe

on May 1, 1997 — 1,000 days before the new Millennium,

"1,000 days to prepare for 1,000 years" Mr Blair pointed

out - his audience was never

going to be other than enthu-

not make pledges on money

At one point he said: "I will

I yow to thee. . . Blair's 10 promises to conference

☐ I vow we will keep Government borrowing and inflation within our targets

□ I vow the promises we make on tax, we will keep □ I vow class sizes will be

down in primary schools, and standards up ☐ I vow that with the consent of the people we will have devolved power to Scotland, Wales and the regions of England

🛘 I vow we will build a new

create "a national grid for learning". Tory officials also claimed their were 20 spending pledges in the speech.
But with leftwingers calling With the election expected | until I know they can be kept." But the Labour leader managed to balance tough the speech "almost flawless" an ebullient Labour leader-ship took ministerial abuse as passages on taxes and public spending — supervised by his "Iron Chancellor" — as well a tribute, not a threat. as a studded "fairness not favours" nod to the unions

Labour's plans to redistribute

Lottery money and extend

school computer networks to

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Major under pressure to release secret document that would seal MP's fate

A defence of the duchess

Henry Porter on why it's time to lay off Fergie

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Hamilton admits: I took money

"I've nothing to say on that. - Neil Hamilton, asked outside the **High Court whether**

he had lied to Michael

Heseltine, the Deputy

Dan Atkinson on the crisis in the gems trade

Prime Minister 'Michael Heseltine feels that as he and the Government cooperated fully with the courts, he has nothing further to

add. — a spokesman for Mr

'It would not be in the public interest that a responsible newspaper

publishing articles . . . about a matter of constitutional national.... importance.. [should pay] the whole costs of answering the subpoenas [sent

government). --- Mr Justice Moreland, allowing Mr Hamilton to drop his

'We will change the law to make the Tories clean

Michael White Political Editor

dens last night.

up their act.' — Tony Blair

ONY BLAIR yesterday

delivered an evangelical appeal to the Labour

Party and the country to give him a 1,000-day opportunity — from election day to the Millennium — in which to

start creating a new "Age of

The fervour of the Labour

complete with 10 vows, a clutch of policy initiatives and the Euro '96 slogan "Labour's Coming Home" — won over even leftwing critics in Blackpool's Winter Gardina and the same side, we're the same team" — reached its peak when Mr Blair invoked defectors from the Tory camp. "I write back and say welling in Blackpool's Winter Gardina and the same side, we're the same side, we're the same team" — reached its peak when Mr Blair invoked defectors from the Tory camp. "I write back and say welling in the same side, we're the same team" — reached its peak when Mr Blair invoked defectors from the Tory camp. "I write back and say welling in the same side, we're in the same team" — reached its peak when Mr Blair invoked defectors from the Tory camp. "I write back and say welling in the same team" — reached its peak when Mr Blair invoked defectors from the Tory camp. "I write back and say welling in the same team" — reached its peak when Mr Blair invoked defectors from the Tory camp. "I write back and say welling in the same team" — reached its peak when Mr Blair invoked defectors from the Tory camp. "I write back and say welling in the same side, we're in the same team" — reached its peak when Mr Blair invoked defectors from the Tory camp.

leader's commitment to a rad-

But it prompted a savaging, unprecedented in its detail, from ministers determined to

neutralise Mr Blair's appeal to wavering voters to "have the courage" to vote for a party which had revitalised itself — and could do the

Achievement" for Britain.

libel action

Blair spells out his 'Age of Achievement' for Britain

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WATCH WHO STOPS CLAPPING FIRST

New Labour had caught

the national mood, Mr Blair

strove to outdo John Major's conference speeches in evoca-

David Leigh and David Pallister

HE Government was facing inlast night to release a confi-dential Cabinet Office document which proves that Neil Hamilton lied about his payments from the lobbyist Ian Greer.

Paddy Ashdown, the Lib-eral Democrat leader, called on the Prime Minister to pass the document and other internal minutes to Sir Gordon Downey, the parliamentary standards commissioner, as a matter of urgency. He said: "It's now absolutely imperative in order to reassure the public about the integrity of Parliament and its MPs."

In an extraordinary development last night, Mr Hamilton was reported by BBC News to have admitted that he gave an assurance to the deputy prime minister, Michael Heseltine, that he had no financial relationship with Mr Greer. He also admitted that he had received two payments from Mr Greer. But he told the BBC that this did not constitute a financial

arrangement. Labour's campaigns spokes man, Brian Wilson, said: "The allegations are of a devastating order for the Tory party and the idea that they can suppress them simply by getting rid of this court case next week will just not be ac-ceptable to Parliament or in-

deed the electorate." The crucial document, refered to in the High Court yes-terday when the libel action was formally abandoned, con-Hamilton to Michael Hes eltine. the deputy prime minister. after the first allegations about cash-for-questions appeared in the Guardian two years ago.

Outside court, Mr Hamilton refused to answer questions on reports that he had lied to Mr Heseltine about receiving money from Mr Greer.

But a spokesman for Mr Greer admitted earlier on BBC TV that Mr Hamilton had

received two payments for in-troducing new businesses to Mr Greer's firm.

21 Tories took Greer cash

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the Defence Secretary, and Gerry Maione, the Health Minister, are among 21 Tory MPs who received secret donations from the lobbyist Ion Green accord lobbyist Ian Greer, according to a Conservative Party memorandum passed to the

Guardian, writes David Other prominent Tories whose campaigns were helped during the 1987 elec-tion include Lynda Chalker, the Overseas Development Minister, David Mellor, the former beritage secretary and Sir Michael Hirst, chairman of the Scot-

tish Conservative Party. The Labour MPs Doug Hoyle, chairman of the party and Chris Smith, the health spokesman, also received help from Mr Greer at the time, as did

Donations varied be-tween £200 and £5,000 and were legal if they did not exceed spending limits in each constituency. They did not need to be declared to Parliament.

Full report, page 3

feels that as he and the Gov ernment co-operated fully with the courts. He has noth-

with the courts. He has nothing further to add."

Lord Nolan, who conducted the original "sleaze" inquiry which called for a tightening the Guardian's investigations, said: "The continuing accusations and counter-accusations are damaging the reputation of Parliament."

Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, who was due to testify about payments he made to MPs, said he was planning to send his own dos-sier to Sir Gordon.

Mr Hamilton told GMR QC, page 9

radio station that the Guardian had invented its disclo-sures through "cowardly op-portunism" because he had run out of money to pursue his case. Asked about witness statements detailed in the Guardian saying he had taken money, he said it would be "contempt of court" to dis-

cuss them. Later he told BBC televi-sion news: "I am not a liar." It was reported in two papers yesterday that the dis-closed documents included a minute of a conversation taken by the Cabinet Secre-tary, Sir Robin Butler, in which Mr Heseltine asked Mr Hamilton whether he had ever had any financial links with Mr Greer. Mr Hamilton

said that he had not. The existence of an under taking given by Mr Hamilton to Mr Heseltine in an attempt to save his job was confirmed in open court yesterday. The Guardian's counsel, Geoffrey Robertson QC, told Mr Jus-tice Moreland that Mr Hamilton "had given an undertaking to the deputy prime Alan Beith, the Liberal minister, on the basis of Democrats' deputy leader. which it was regarded by the Prime Minister as appropriate for him to stay in office.

Downing Street yesterday refused to release the minute for publication.
When Mr Hamilton emerged from court with his wife Christine, reporters asked him whether he had

told the truth to Mr Heseltine. He refused to answer. When asked: "Did you lie to the deputy prime minister?" he said: "I have nothing to say on that."

Mr Hamilton said he would not resign his Tatton seat: "In this country, a man is innocent prover the columns of the Guardian." After the Guardian made a formal request to No 10 that the document be released for publication, the Treasury So-

ian's lawyers with a refusal. Tangled webs, pages 2-3; Leader comment and Letters page 8; Geoffrey Robertson

In the Netherlands, you can now In a significant gesture to traditionalist feelings — "old members who stuck with it through thick and thin" — he argued that Labour belonged get hold of the to a movement wider than democratic socialism or social democracy. "It stands in a tradition whose flame was alive in human hearts paper you're long before the Labour Party was thought of, a tradition far above ideology, but not be-yond ideals." Michael Heseltine, the dep-uty Prime Minister, led an orholding more estrated denunciation of the 10-vow performance contract for government as "a con-trick, not a contract". Other ministers attacked

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HAMILTON'S **TANGLED** WEB

Judge says case raised matters of constitutional interest

Judge rules that public interest demands the Crown should disclose as many documents as the law allows



Final act played out at a cost

E action against he Guardian by Neil Hamilton was formally wound up in the High Court yesterday, with the judge resisting attempts to force the newspaper to pay the government's entire legal costs. Describing the case as rais-

ng matters of "general pub-Mr Justice Moreland that the Crown was

not be in the public interes that a responsible newspaper publishing articles it believes to be accurate about a matter of constitutional national importance which went well be youd the activities alleged against this plaintiff' should

bear the whole cost. After nearly two years of the Defamation Bill and the

leave to discontinue" the libel case. The political lobby-ist Ian Greer, also party to the action, was not present.
Almost all the hearing

however, was taken up with an application by Stephen Suttle counsel for the Prime Minister, the deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine, the former Conservative chief whip Richard Ryder, the Cab-

The provision of documents

in respect of responding to these subpoents." The cost should not fall on the public

Geoffrey Robertson QC, for the Guardian, said documents required had largely been identified early on. Subpoe-nas were only necessary be-

the Guardian.

produced", for example, went directly to show that Mr Hamilton had "not been required ter as appropriate for him to stay in office".

started, Mr Robertson said, Mr Hamilton was still a Trade and industry minister. Other sections of documents pre-pared by civil servants or lawyers had been blacked out for fear that more MPs might be named in the proceedings. Even parts of Commons speeches by Mr Major men-tioning other MPs had been

covered up.

"When one comes to the sit ustion where a piece of litiga-tion involves the part of the constitution, government and parliament, ... the Crown would be under an obligation to make as full a disclosure as

"Bearing in mind that the action began when the plaintiff was still serving as a minister of the Crown, it would public interest that the whole

the defendants". He ordered the Guardian to contribute 220,000. "And that is now the end of the action," Judge Mor-eland concluded.

Outside court, whether he had lied to Mr He-seltine about receiving money from Ian Greer, Mr

Hamilton replied: "I have nothing to say on that." All his papers would be handed handed over to Sir Gordon Downey, the parliamentary commissioner for standards. Asked whether he

Twelve questions that must be asked

UNANSWERE QUESTIONS

L. Given that your parilamentary salary in 1990 was £26,701 (plus the secretaria allowance to your wife and meet the mortgage pay-ments on your £400,000 house in Cheshire, while also maintaining a flat in

have with health ministers recarding Green's client. US Tobacco? What disclosures did you make to them about your interest in the

3. What were your connections with Plateau Mining after you became a minister? Why did you state on terests that you resigned in July 1990 on becoming a government whip rather than on September 30, which is the true date of your resignation? Why die their AGM after it was clear the company was in a par-

Which of the letters that you signed pleading Mr Al were drafted by you and which were drafted by Greer and/or Al Fayed's

mentary notepaper made copiously available in the offices of Tan Green

6. Why did you act in Par-liament on behalf of Mohammed Al Fayed after you knew in January 1988 that the DTI inspectors' report would be adverse to him and after you knew (by vir tue of the publication of that report by the Observer on March 30 1989) that it was in fact extremely adverse?

Have you declared all the payments you received from Greer and his clients, including payments in kind, on the register of members' interests? If not why not? Have you declared all such payments to the Inland Revenue?

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8. What payment did you receive from Strategy Network International? Why did you not disclose it on the Register of Members' Interests?

9. When you met ministers on behalf of Mr Al Fayed,

what did you tell them of your special interest in his afairs?

Reading your bill for your week's holiday at the Ritz in Paris, it appears that you and your wife ordered food and drink at its restaurant costing £250 (in 1987

hampers did you receive

Aspen. Who paid for that?

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THE **PAPERS**

n Thursday The Guardian won an order forc-ing the disclosure of documents, including a de-tailed minute of a telephone conversation shortly before Mr Hamilton was forced to resign from the Government, in which Mr Heseltine asked the Trade Minister whether he had ever had any financial links with Mr Greer. Mr Hamllton said he had not.

But Mr Greer was alarmed when he saw the minute taken by the Cabinet Secre-tary, Sir Robin Butler. He told Carter-Ruck that there was a conflict of interest between himself and Mr Hamilton — one source said "the difference was between black and white" — leaving Mr Car-ter-Ruck with no choice but to He was, however, retained to seek to broker a settlement.

The Government faced renewed allegations of parlia-

The Baily Telegraph

mentary sleaze involving Tory MPs last night after one of the most high-profile libel actions in recent years . . .

The case was set to run for at least three and a half weeks, involving Richard Ferguson, QC, for the plaintiffs, and Geoffrey Robertson, QC. for the newspaper.

It is thought that the "conflict of interest" arose last Priday when Peter Carter-Ruck and Partners ... conference speech next week.

received the transcript of a telephone conversation between the MP and Michael

Heseltine In the course of the call, the Deputy Prime Minister demanded to know if Mr Hamil-THE TIMES from Mr Greer. Mr Hamilton said he had not. But sources close to the case say this was "at variance" with a state-ment made by Mr Greer. Shortly after the telephone

> from the Government. While the Guardian is undoubtedly out of pocket, the climbdown is an unhappy

conversation with Mr Hesel

tine. Mr Hamilton resigne

THE INDEPENDENT

contrast to Mr Hamilton's vow to expose "journalistic corruption and fantasy". Mr Rusbridger said that the only possible explanation for Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer door of the court was that the evidence the newspaper had compiled to defend the case would have revealed a pat-tern of parliamentary sleaze more far-reaching than we had ever imagined.

By world standards, and even by the standards of Western democracies. Britain is not a seriously corrupt society ... The Hamilton case, however, suggested more serious behaviour by a member albeit a junior one, of the present Government. Having dropped his libel case against the Guardian, Mr Hamilton's political career is left hanging. over an abyss, and if he is allowed by his party to rest in peace, he should not be. Mr Major would be very foolish indeed if he makes any reference to morality in his party

'Career hanging | Law Lord's 'favour' that backfired on MP

LIBEL LAWS

HE amendment to the

Defamation Bill which allowed Neil Hamilton to waive parliamentary privi-lege and sue the Guardian for libel was put down by a Law Lord, Lord Hoffman, after he was sounded out by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, a The amendment was

parliamentary counsel, and there was an unofficial whip

drafted by the Government's

ain's unwritten constitution, Law Lords and other judges are supposed to stay aloof and independent from party polit-Opposition and indepen-

dent peers said that having it put down by a senior judge may have given extra credi-bility to the amendment, which critics have described as "unconstitutional."

Lord Hoffman said yester-day that he tabled the amendment after speaking to Lord Mackay, though to say he did

to persuade Tory peers to it at the Lord Chancellor's ity had gone on It looked like House as a whole or to turn up and vote for it last "request" would be putting it it was becoming politicised. May. Lord Hoffman had been too strongly. "Because I saw all these Lord Lester, a Liberal Demresponsible for a key measure in the bill introducing a versation with the Lord Chancellor. The Lord Chancellor quick procedures clause for small libel cases. But under the doctrine of separation of powers, at the heart of Brit-

felt he wanted the matter de-bated." he said. However, when Lord Hoffman came to speak to his amendment, he told the House he was "not an advocate" for it, and outlined some drawbacks as well. When the time came to vote, He said yesterday that be

had originally intended to advocate the amendment and let those opposing it speak against it. But he changed his mind, and also refrained from voting for it because "the waive parliamentary privi-very large number of people lege in his own case, whereas who turned up made it look as all the authorities stated that

people, including Mrs Thatcher, I thought this is now becoming a political He said he later heard rumours that there had been

an unofficial whip. The amendment was passed by 119 votes to 57.

tacked in the debate by the former Law Lord, Lord Simon amendment seeks to tamper with the Bill of Rights." He said there were "grave difficulties" with the amendment which would allow an MP to

octat peer and human rights QC, said in the debate: "The QC, said in the debate amendment is flawed and would infringe fundamental principles constitution."

He argued that parliamen-tary privilege was "the culmi-nation of a long struggle for parliamentary supremacy and "should not be permitted to be undermined to meet the personal and private needs of particular individuals."

Lord Hoffman said of the withdrawal of Neil Hamilton's libel action against the Guardian: "It looks as if we didn't do the guy a favour. I thought at the time and I said if some sort of whip-like activ- | the privilege belonged to the | should be able to sue."

Case tests bite of Parliament's new watchdog



David Henck

HE Neil Hamilton "cash for questions" affair will provide the toughest test of whether Parliament is any better at investigating allega-tions of corruption since John Major accepted Lord Nolan's report on sleaze last year. With all the principal par-ticipants — Mr Hamilton, Mohamed Al Faved, the owner of Harrods, and Alan Rusorldger, editor of the Guardian — sending in evidence, it could mean that MPs on the Privileges and Standards Committee will hold their first public hearings into a case since it was reconstituted early this year.

mended a tougher regime to police MPs, including the ap-pointment of the first Parlianentary Commissioner for The evidence in the Hamil-

ton case will go to Sir Gordon Downey, the 68-year-old new commissioner described by colleagues as "a good chap and a perfect mandarin". Sir Gordon — paid £72,000 for a four-day week — has no powers to call for people and papers but he can initiate in-quiries after receiving complaints from other MPs and members of the public. His main job is to oversee the register of members' inter-

ests; draw up the rules for MPs declaring them; and give confidential advice to individnal MPs on the details of their

SIR GORDON

two predecessors — the Members' Interests Committee and the Privileges Committee — after Lord Nolan recommendation to the privileges Committee — after Lord Nolan recommendation to the privileges to be the most difficulty regime to the product of the privileges to be the most difficulty regime to the product of the privileges to be the most difficulty regime to the product of the privileges to be the most difficulty and the product of the privileges to be the most difficulty and the product of the privileges to be the most difficulty and the pr

the Considered a handful of complaints against MPs, including Jonathan Aitken, the further Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Patrick Nicholls, the Conservative MPs. the Conservative MP for Teignbridge, and Roy Thomason, the Conservative MP for Bromsgrove this year. His reports were published without comment from the

Sir Gordon said yesterday that he intended to review all the evidence in the Hamilton case and prepare a report for the committee.

"It will then be up to the committee to decide what they want to do with it. They could either accept it, reject it, or decide to do their own inquiry. While Parliament made it clear that I am ex-Por most of last year he was pected to conduct the investi-involved in drawing up the gations into complaints about new register, the first in MPs' conduct, the committee

promises to be the most difficult for the 11-member com-mittee with its built in Conchaired like its predecessor, the Privileges Committee, by Tony Newton, a Cabinet minister and Leader of the House of Commons.

of Commons.

It can be attended by Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney General, and Sir Derek Spen-cer, the Solicitor General, who can speak but not vote. Other members are Ann Taylor, Labour's shadow Leader of the House, and Tory grandees like Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, Dame Jill Knight and former minister Str David Mitchell

Others on the committee are rising rightwing Tory Isn Dun-can-Smith, the MP for Chingford, old Labour stalwarts like Doug Hoyle, chairman of the party, and the irrepressible Dale Campbell Savours, Labour MP for Workington.

money) every night of your stay. Did you not think of dining out at least one night at a bistro? It also appears that on most mornings you ordered the champagne breakfast, and your minibar bill indicates regular consumption of expensive alcohol. Did you ever write a letter of thanks to Mr Al Fayed for this munificent hospitality? Or did you feel that he owed it to you? 1. How many £185 Harrods

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of Mr Al Fayed at the Ritz in 1987 and at his Scottish castle, Balnagown, in 1989. In the summer of 1988 you holidayed in New Orleans and

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lan Greer and Nell Hamilton are jointly involved in libel proceedings against the Guardian in

You will remember that we received a letter [attached] dated 15th May 1985 from Lovell White Durrant, acting for the Guardian, asking us whether we had received any of the money. We

I have been in touch with lan Greer over the last couple of weeks and he came to see me this morning. He has now established that the 218,000 given to him by the Fayer's was not given to CCO but to the Fighting Funds of individual MPs for their local campaigns. Our search here also gave no indication that we received any money from lan Greer at that time. I therefore enclose a draft letter for you to send to Lovell White Durrant.

Despite our not being involved directly, this issue clearly does have the potential to embarrass the Party. I obtained from Ian Greer this morning his list of the twenty-one Conservative MFs to whom the money (£18,000 from the Fayeds and £11,000 from Dave Allen of DHL) was given

in amounts ranging from £500 to £5,000. This list will be delivered to the Guardian solicitors

The list contains a number of prominent names including Michael Portille, Geory Malone and Michael Hirst. It is clear that the Guardian could generate considerable "sleaze" by portraying these payments to the lighting funds candidates as being designed to buy influence when they

The letter from Sir Paul Judge expressing concern about payments by Ian Greer towards MPs' election fighting funds

fighting funds of 21 Tories

Lobbyist paid money into

relation to payments made by Mohamed Fayed to lan Greer in May 1987.

To:Chairman

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GREER'S TANGLED

How campaign cash was channelled to Tory candidates

lan Greer passed £29,000 to 21 Conservative candidates at the time of the general election in May 1987. Mohamed Al Fayed donated £18,000, and Dave Allen, of DHL, put up £11,000.

Among those benefiting were Michael Portillo, now Defence Secretary; Gerry Malone, Health Minister, and Sir Michael Hirst, chairman of the Scottish Conservatives. Ten candidates either had, or went on to have, links to the DTI.

There is no suggestion any of the candidates acted illegally.



ROBERT ATKINS, aged 50, Conservative MP for South Ribble. Before the 1987 election-was parliamentary private secretary to the Employment Secretary, Lord Young. Partner in firm "Exponential, parlia-mentary advisers". After the election he became a junior minister at the Department of Trade and Industry for two years. Later became famous as Minister for Sport. Resigned from Government last July.



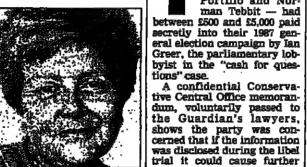
SIR ANDREW BOWDEN, aged 66, Conservative MP for Brighton Kemptown. Was a personnel consul-tant and has been joint chairman of the all-party group for pensioners for much of his career on the back benches. Has been a member of the Commons Select Committee on Employment. Knighted

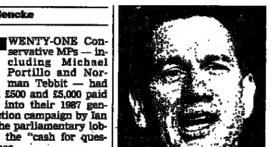


GERRY BOWDEN, aged 61. was Conservative MP for Dulwich from 1983 to 1992. A barrister, chartered surveyor and university lecturer. A backbencher who enjoyed only a brief spell on the most junior rung of government. Vice-chairman of the Conservative backbench education committee 1987-89. Member of



BARONESS CHALKER OF Wallasey, aged 54, was the Conservative MP for Wallasey until 1992. She started her ministerial career in 1979 at Health before moving to Transport, reaching minister of state level at the Foreign Office just before the 1987 election. Went on to become the Minister for Overseas Development.





Please let me know if you require any further information.

tential to embarrass the interests.
party." It discloses that Ian There is Greer met Sir Paul on June 12 last year to tell him that a list of 21 MPs was due to be sent

Sir Paul Judge, then director-general, says: "The list conto the Guardian's solicitors. Sir Paul says: "I obtained from Ian Greer this morning Gerry Malone [Health Minis-ter] and Sir Michael Hirst his list of the 21 Conservative MPs to whom the money (£18,000 from the Fayeds and man]. It is clear that the Guardian could generate con-siderable 'sleaze' by portray-£11,000 from Dave Allen of DHL (the Bermuda based private postal courier group]) in amounts ranging from £500 to ing these payments to the fighting funds candidates as £5,000."

social security minister. being designed to buy influence when they were re-elected."

The donations, from Mr sonal dealings with Ian Green as an MP."

Green to the fighting funds of the MPs' local constituency

Gerry Malone, the Health

MICHAEL PORTILLO, 43,

had been Conservative MP

for Enfield Southgate for

only four years at the time

of the 1987 general elec-

tion. Not yet a rising star, he had served as a special

fore being made a junior whip. After the 1987 elec-

tion, he became the junior

tary in 1983 and to the Chancellor in 1983-84 be-

adviser to the Trade Secre-

There is no suggestion that the money was for any ser-vices rendered.

Sir Michael Hirst, who confirmed a 2500 payment from Ian Greer Associates, said: 'There was nothing whatsoever to indicate that Mr Greer's donation had come from a third party. During my time in Parliament I performed no services for Mr
Greer and his company and
assumed accordingly that his
cheque was a gesture of supency association.

port by him to the Conservative Party campaign in a marginal seat."

David Mellor, the former Heritage Secretary, who also received £500, said: "When Mr Greer contacted me and said the money was supposed to have come from Mr Al Fayed and would be revealed in the trial I was furlous. I contacted the Guardian my-self to tell them that his donation had been sent from his private address in Putney to my constituency association and I had never had any per-

It also warns: "Despite our parties, were legal and did not being involved directly, this issue does have the portion of members." His office said: "It is unlikely that he will be able to recollect or that he even acknowl-

Michael Portillo, who received a £500 donation, did not want to comment, nor did Lord Tebbit, who was party chairman in 1987 and received £1,000.

Lady Chalker, the Overseas Development Minister, also confirmed a payment from lan Greer which she believed had been spent on computer equipment for her constitu-



BARON TEBBIT of Chingford, aged 65. Was Conservative Party Chairman and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster between 1985 and 1987. He had been in first Employment Secretary and then Trade and Industry Secretary (1983-1985). Retired from the Commons in 1992.



SIR DAVID TRIPPIER aged 50, was the Minister for Small Businesses in 1987. He was junior minister at the Department of Trade and Industry between 1983 and 1985 before moving to the Department of Employment. After the 1987 election became an environment minister, before being made deputy chairman of the Conservative Party. Conservative MP for Rossendale and Darwen until defeat in 1992. Former director of a financial planning



SIR NEIL THORNE, aged 63, was Conservative MP for Ilford South until 1992. A chartered surveyor and Lloyds underwriter, he was a member of the Commons Select Committee on Defence between 1983 and 1992. A specialist in transport, housing and defence, and an acknowledged authority on Nepal. Knighted 1992.



SIR GERRY VAUGHAN, for Reading East. Minister for Consumer Affairs at the Department of Trade and Industry, 1982-83. Was also a minister of health. Retiring at the coming general election. A medical consultant, he has had a long political interest in health matters. Was a member of



TON, aged 57, a River Mer-sey pilot who became Conservative MP for Crosby, ousting Shirley Williams. in 1983. Before the 1987 election he worked as Patrick Jenkin's parliamentary private secretary when he was Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Environment Secretary. Was parliamentary consultant to Nalgo, the local government union, and the Building Employ ers Confederation. Knight-ed 1992.



KEN WARREN, aged 70, Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye 1983-92. Influential chairman of the Select Committee on Trade and Industry, 1983-92. An aeronaptical engineer. management consultant and company director.



JOSEPH DEVA, aged 48, Conservative MP for Brentford. Stood as the Tory candidate in Hammersmith in 1987. Scientist and company director. Member of the National Consumer Council, 1985-88. Chaired joint Department of Trade and Industry/NCC commit tee on deregulation of European Air Transport.



SIR ANTHONY DURANT, aged 68, the Conservative MP for Reading West since 1974. At the time of the 1987 general election he had been a long-serving government whip. Was a director of an audiovisual aids company. Left the Government in 1990. Strong interest in local government issues and the film industry. Knighted 1991.

SIR MICHAEL HIRST, aged 50, now Chairman of MP for Kingston-uponthe Scottish Conservative Party. Was the Conservative MF for Strathkelvin and Bearsden from 1983. Lost his seat in the 1987 election when he was vicechairman of the Scottish Conservative Party. Was parliamentary private secretary to the Energy Secretary between 1983 and 1987. Knighted in 1992. A company director and Indirects consultant. the Cabinet in 1993.



JOHN LEE, aged 54, was Conservative MP for Pendle from 1983 to 1992. He was parliamentary private secretary to Cecil Parkin-son, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in 1983, before becoming Defence Procurement Minister and then a junior employment minister. **Eventually became Minis**ter for Tourism.



now a radio presenter as well as Conservative MP for Putney. A barrister in the 1987 election, Mr Mellor had just ended four years as a Home Office minister and was about to move to the Foreign Office. Very much a rising star at

BARON MOORE of Lower

Marsh, aged 58. The dona-

tion to his Croydon Central

Conservative Association

a firm Thatcher favourite

and his star was rising fast.

John Moore had joined the

Cabinet in 1986 as Trans-

port Secretary, and after

the 1987 general election

became Social Services Sec-

retary. He left the Cabinet

in 1992 when he was cre-

ated a life peer.

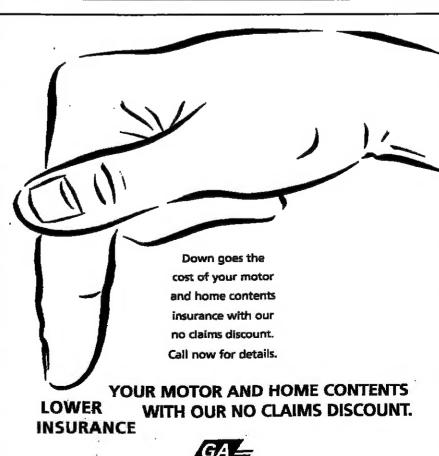
came at a time when he was



41, was Conservative MP for Lewisham East from 1983 to 1992. An Olympic medallist, he was the parliamentary private secretary to the Paymaster-General before becoming the Sports Minister in 1987. He always regarded trade and industry as his second main political interest. He is about to take a seat in the House of Lords.



DAVID SHAW, aged 45, became the Conservative MP for Dover in 1987. A chartered accountant who founded Sabrelance Ltd which helps small businesses. He was also a director of Corporate and Public Affairs Strategy



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NORMAN LAMONT, aged 54, had been Conservative Thames since 1972. He was a Minister of State at Department of Trade and Industry between 1981 and 1985. He became the Minister for Defence Procurement (1985-1986) and then Financial Secretary to the Treasury in 1986. After the 1987 general election he became Chancellor of the Exchequer. Resigned from



was Conservative MP for Aberdeen South between 1983 and 1987, and parliamentary private secretary to the Secretary of State for Trade between 1985 and 1986 before becoming an assistant whip. After losing his seat he edited the Sunday Times Scotland before getting back in as MP for Winchester in 1992. Became deputy chair- in 1989 and the Commons man of the Conservative Party and is now Health

Minister.

Sketch

New Labour, Old Testament



Simon Hoggart

T WASN'T the fault of the chairwoman. Diana Jeuda, that she introduced the eader as Tony Blur. A nature slip of the tongue. And Blair was neither

blurry or bland. He was evangelical. He invoked the names of "the ancient prophets of the Old Testament who first pleaded the cause of the marginal, the powerless. the disenfranchised." We remembered all those wild-eyed men in animal skins descending from the mountain to declare: "I am here to empower the

disenfranchised.
"And, incidentally, we in New Labour, Old Testament pledge insulation for every cave, free birch twigs for selfflagellation at the point of use. and a stone jar full of parchment scrolls in every

At every point, Mr Blair claimed a link with destiny. After the next election, he said, we would have 1,000 day to prepare for the next 1,000 terms, but this was

ridiculous. The speech started hesitantly. The barrage of camera flashes was clearly causing him real distress. But he scored a good ad lib - "Be careful, they're making my eyes red" — and he had won them over. To be fair they were so keen to applaud that they'd have cheered if he had

read out the Tory manifesto. Some dinosaura would claim he had read out the Tory This was one of the few

speeches I recall which consisted almost entirely of perorations, indeed, every Blair speech these days becomes more of a parody of imitating Rory Bremner imitating Tony Blair.

For instance his habit of dropping verbs has now become a pathology. I counted speech, some of quite sensational vacuity. "New

challenges, new ideas"; "the future, not the past": "New Labour, new members"; "the age of achievement, at home and abroad." A verb. as our teachers always told us. is an 'coing word" and these verbless phrases convey atmospherics without action.

plausibility without promises. Feeling good. Looking forward. Rampant sex with no strings attached. (I invented the last bit to make it more interesting.)

The climax came with his sainte to the England football team's performance in Euro Monather sign that New Labour has written Scotland

offi.
"Labour's coming home. Seventeen years of hurt. Never stopped us dreaming. Three Bambis on my shirt. Never stopped us screaming. I wust stop making this stuff

I gather that the idea for the football analogy came when Mr Blair and team attended the matches at Wembley and saw that the crowds were not football hooligans, but well-to-do folk, ie perfect New Labour material.

What Mr Blair perhaps forgot was that England lost the semi-final in a penalty

shoot out. If, say, John Prescott does a Gareth Southgate and manages to lose the election in the closing minutes. sympathetic team mates will gather round and kick the day lights out of him.

There was a curious passage where he seemed close to tears, remembering the day his father almost died of a stroke. It seemed to have no political purpose, though it was more dramatic than John Major's paean to his father last year — all he remembered was that he made garden

All party leaders recall individuals who affected them over the years. In Mr Blair's case these were almost all Tories - businessmen, a JCB plant manager, "a man who was washing his car". The message seemed to be:

We are the party for careful car owners who vote.
Conservative out can't stand

Out in the hall there they were: the lines of M & S suitings, the smart women's outlits, the prosperous middle class of Britain who are now in the happy position of dedicated to their continuing

'We are back as the people's party, and that's why the people are coming back to us. Labour has come home to you'



Robin Cook . . . expressed new reservations about joining the first wave of countries in a single currency

Blair's promise is new age

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

yesterday a pro-gramme for a "great, radical, reforming" Labour government that he promised would bring a "new age of Avoiding any of the sur-

prises he produced as a finale to his last two leadership speeches, he worked instead across the whole range of pol-icy, from education to welfare reform.

He touched on many popu-list themes, committing Labour to a ban on ownership tery funds to help the poorer to 18 years of the Tories, and sections of society rather we will meet as the new the people, or for a few. That | what Labour would do in govthan on such things as Chur-

chili's papers.

The key message was that a Labour government will nology in education, creating "a national grid for learning".

The closest be came to a gimmick was when, after more than two years of saying he would not make promises for fear of disappointing people, he made 10 vows, from reducing the proportion spent on welfare bills through to halving the time it takes young offenders to get to

He pinched many of the Conservatives' traditional themes, such as the family and patriotism, returning sev-eral times to speak about the courage of the British people

during the second world war. "This year, we meet as the Opposition. Next year, the British people willing an end Labour government of Brit-ain. Exciting but also a big responsibility."

His aim was to create "a make education its priority, new age of achievement in attempting to realise the potential of information tech-just a few, can share. For all marily to set out the positive.

Labour's key pledges

□ EDUCATION: Summer schools for poor readers; phase out £100 million assisted places scheme and use money to cut primary class sizes to below 30 for 5-7 year-olds; no return to 11-plus; further drive to connect schools and colleges to information superhighway at no cost.

□ EUROPE: Complete integration of 1992 single market

blueprint by mid-1998, opening up telecommunications, energy and financial service markets to British firms

□ EMPLOYMENT: Welfare-to-work programme for
250,000 young people, funded by windfall tax

□ CRIME: Ban on private ownership and possession of

☐ CONSTITUTION: Devolution for Wales, Scotland and London; directly-elected authority for London; abolition of hereditary votes in Lords

☐ LOTTERY: Divert 20 per cent of funds for good causes to education, environment and public health improvements

SLEAZE: Ask Nolan committee to investigate political funding and legislate to identify party political donations

is the choice. That is the challenge of the 21st century. I want to lead Britain into this age of achievement and today

ernment, he criticised the Conservatives over their handling of the beef crisis, tax rises, the Scott inquiry and

sleaze. Referring to the Neil Hamil-

changed the law to let Mr lieve our instincts to be. And Hamilton put his case.

"We will change the law to was clear. His instincts were make the Tories clean up their act. To coin a phrase, we will be be tough on sleaze and tough on the causes of

In the first of his policy promises, he said the Nolan committee on standards in public life would be asked to investigate political funding and "we will legislate to make the Tories tell us where their money comes from for their

negative and deceitful advertising." Turning to the last general lection failure, he set out the underlying theme for his ing. The aim will be to get tax new-look Labour Party. He country through lower rates tion was lost when he met a is the key for the director on man who owned his own \$200,000 a year, why shouldn't house, his own car and his own business. His father had voted Lebour but he voted Conservative because he was a single European currency

to get on in life. And he thought our instincts were to stop him. But that was never

our history or purpose . . . "The true, radical mission of the Labour Party, new and old, is not to hold people back but to help them get on. All the people. Each generation doing better than the last. The heritage of hope from parents to their children."

He echoed the speech the previous day by the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, that he will be an iron chancellor, tough on public spendit work for the people on

He kept his options open on "People judge us on their single market. He said Brit-instincts about what they be ain would have the presi-

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Short backs quota system

Women

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

ABOUR yesterday signalled its determination to find new ways of boosting the representation of vomen in politics, in what the shadow overseas development minister, Clare Short, described as "the biggest modernisation" programme still facing the party.

Delegates overwhelmingly backed a proposal recommending that the party draw up plans to increase the repparliamentary party, includ-ing a quota system along the lines of those used in Norway and Sweden.

The aim is for a 50-50 split within 10 years - not only in Parliament, but also in the new Scottish parliament, the Welsh assembly and the English regional chambers. Ms Short, chairwoman of

the NEC's women's commit-tee, said that "despite some sniping on the sidelines", the party's use of the controversial all-women shortlists had worked. It had triggered the selection of 112 new women candidates which was likely to increase the number of women MPs from 39 to more

The party was forced to abandon the system after it was declared illegal by a Leeds industrial tribunal ear-lier this year. An NEC working group will now bring forward new proposals at the 1997 or 1998 conference.

Stressing the "distortion" of the democratic process in the UK, Ms Short said that only 10 per cent of MPs were women, and that she herself was one of only 187 women who had ever been elected to She favoured the use of quota systems, which interna-

were the only way forward. "Exhortation to select more women, positive action to train women or ensure that shortlists does not produce results," she said. "Every country that has made progress on this issue has used

some kind of quota system to deliver the change." She added that Labour's sister parties in Norway and Sweden had led the way with this system, achieving parliamentary parties made up of 50-50 men and women.

The party's failure to win the votes of women — despite its record of being the most women-friendly party - had been "a very significant failure", Ms Short said.

'Jokey' promiscuity pledge backfires on spokeswoman

ALLEGATIONS that New for marginal Rossendale and Labour is dull and respect. Darwen, whose bill to outlaw able will be that much harder stalking was thwarted by the to make now that Janet Anderson has promised that "under Labour women will become more promiscuous", writes Michael White.

She said it as a joke. But since she said it in an inter-view with the Daily Telegraph the remark made the Questioned by reporters at a

which serious issues were discussed, was a "missed opportunity. Everyone knows that Pe-

Mellin 150.

stalking was thwarted by the Government, became shadow minister for women in Tony Blair's last reshuffle. Hence the interview and her startling election pledge. She said yesterday: "Petron-

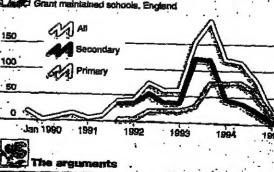
ella Wyatt has plucked a few light-hearted comments from a 90-minute political interview. That is all that need be said on the matter." But it conference fringe meeting Ms
Anderson complained that the report of the interview, in press. If the tough minded 46year-old Janet Anderson — the mother of three teenage children who has been married to tronella Wyatt [her interviewer] is obsessed with men's bodies and sex." The MP wander into the minefield, no wonder Tony Blair is jittery.

Education

Selection remains the hot topic for Labour. It was stramering when Tony Blair sent his son to a school which is selective in all but name, and came to the boil when Harrist Harman sent hers to an openty selective grammer school. Critica suspect that Blair's pledge to modernies comprehensive schooling, letting schools

specialise and introducing streaming, will kill it off. The party's plan to give "foundati status" to grant-maintained schools, some of which have impoduced selective entry, stiff, lacks detail. Grammar schools and student living costs remain

comprehensive, sume as W. S. ... 78 ... 4 ... 1/2 Optime out Grant maintained schools, England



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Too many comprehensive schools have falled their pupils - they need modificat and diversity, Abolition of grammer schools should be the choice of parents; taking charitable status from private achools would involve a legal battle, Education is our priority for extre funding, and we would use the money from the Tory assisted place scheme to reduce primary achool class sizes. We would return some control over



GM schools to local authorities and reduce their funding ach

GM schools should be returned to full localauthority control to prevent the divisive spread of selective entry to secondary. schools. Gilli achool funding should also return to the same level as other state chools. Talk about centres of excellence and help for able children strangthens the selection trend. Selection for the remaining grammar schools should be abolished, and



tax privileges and charitable status for private schools should be abolished. Other topics today

Transport: could Labour afterd to renationalise the rathways Penglode: the Herman/Castle disagreement goals to the voes

 Child Benefit: expect opposition to Gordon Brown's plans to abolish child benefit for 16-18 year-olds.

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mission of the Labour Party, new and old, is not to hold people back but to help them get on. All the people. Each generation doing better than the last'

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dency in the first half of 1998. "One of our key priorities in that presidency will be the completion of the single mar-ket. Today, I set a deadline: June 1998, the end of the Brit-ish presidency, for the com-pletion of the single market And I will begin discussions with other European leaders now so that we can be ready to meet that deadline."

He reiterated that trade

unions could not expect Labour to be soft on them. "There will be fairness, not favours, for employers and employees alike. The Labour government is not the politi-cal arm of anyone other than

"Let us settle these arguments about industrial laws once and for good. There will be no return to the 1970s. But there should and will be basic civil rights for all at work, legislated on early in a

His interest was both in business as well as the the 11-plus and "the compreunions. "We are on the same hensive system will stay,

theme, education, he said: "Ask me for my three main priorities for government and tell you: education, educa-tion and education."

Britain was 35th in the world's education league table and that would eventually translate into Britain being 35th in the economic table, unless education was tackled. He was opposed to vouchers but he favoured proper nursery places.

"I announce that we want to establish three week intensive literacy summer schools with the aim of ensuring that every 11-year-old is up to standard in reading."

The £100 million assisted places scheme would be phased out and the money used to make sure that every five, six and seven-year-old was in a class of 30 or under. There would be no return to

side. We're in the same modernised for today's world. taking account of children's tives was the traditional family.

"I want a state education system in Britain so good, so attractive, that the parents choose to put behind us the educational apartheid of the past, private and state, and I do not believe anything would do more to break down the class divides that have no place in a modern country in the 21st century."

He concentrated on information technology. "The age of achievement will be built on new technology."
Schools, colleges and uni-

versities will be wired up for free, as he had said last year, to the information superhighway. The cable industry and BT had gone further, promising to keep costs low.
"Our aim is for every

school to have access to the superhighway, the computers to deliver it and the education programmes to go on it." Among the themes he touched on that used to be the

family.

This formed part of his argument that the real moral question facing Britain was not that posed by John Major two weeks ago on tax but on a world 'where a few winners take all rather than all of us as winners".

"We will respect family life develop it and encourage it in any way we can. For strone families are the foundation of

strong communities."

He listed 10 vows, beginning with "I vow that we will have increased the proportion of our national income we spend on education" and ending with 'I vow that we will have built a new and con-structive relationship in

He ended by recalling the English team's theme song during the 1996 European football championship: "Labour has come home to you. So come home to us.

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Cook sets new euro obstacle

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wen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

HE shadow foreign sec-retary, Robin Cook, ex-pressed scepticism yesterday about Britain being in the first wave of countries joining the European single

He threw up an extra obstacle, saying employment levels should be a key test of whether Britain signs up for a single currency in 1999. A decision will have to be made next year, probably soon after a spring general election. Mr Cook, the most promi-nent Eurosceptic in the party.

said: "Jobs will be the bottom line by which we judge whether Britain will join a single currency. The single market would work better with a single currency. But Britain will only benefit if we can compete on level terms.

"That is why Labour be-lieves that for Britain to join a single currency we need first to achieve convergence to speak. Peter Shore, the forof economic performance in the real world of output, of investment and of jobs.

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Labour government will not | nificant minority."

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Tony Blair and the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, are more open-minded about a single currency. While on balance they favour it, they recognise the huge practical problems

Mr Blair in his speech would keep its options opened he stressed that Britain could not be on the

sidelines. One of the leading Tory Eurosceptics, Lord Tebbit, who is attending the conference as an observer, said Mr Cook's condition on jobs was intended to make it impossible for Britain to join the

single currency.

Mr Cook, in a witty speech
that went down well, promised that Britain would sign up to the social chapter before January 1998. But the bulk of his speech was taken up with attacks on the disarray in the Conservative Party over

Europe.

Although Labour too is divided, none of the Eurosceptics were called from the floor Eurosceptics welcomed the is a much more critical view speech as confirmation that a in the Labour Party. It's a sig-

Brown keeps the utilities guessing

Seumas Mikne

Gordon Brown is deter-

their claims that the tax could

and Larry Elliott

ENIOR Labour sources last night gave a tough warning to the priva-tised utilities to call off their concerted propaganda cam-paign against the party'splanned windfall tax, reveal-ing for the first time that it could raise more than 25 billion_

Gordon Brown is deter-mined to keep the privatised furns guessing whether or not they will be included on the party's hit-list, which is now understood to be wider than expected, until after the election. The shadow chancellor is becoming increasingly ex-asperated by the utilities' manoeuvring to avoid the impact of the tax and their efforts to recruit trade unionists in the affected industries to boost

hit jobs.
"The utilities are playing a dangerous and irresponsible game," one senior Labour official said. "We have no intention of revealing until our first Budget who will be in-cluded, but I would say that £3 to £5 billion is a conservative estimate of how much it

The privatised utilities have intensified their lobbying efforts at Labour's confer-

resenting utility employees have echoed the companies' line by publicly voicing fears that the tax could become a "tax on jobs".

But Mr Brown is confident that he has devised a fool-proof method of ring-fencing jobs, investment and prices from any knock-on effect from the excess profits tax, which is to be used to finance Labour's programme to slash youth unemployment. Excess profits would be defined as those arising from monopoly power abuse, an under-valued sale price and unanticipated efficiency gains.

The companies have also been attempting to avoid the tax through special dividends and share buyback schemes. Labour sources said they were confident these manoeuvres would prove fruitless. The party leadership only

narrowly averted defeat yes terday on a motion calling for the full renationalisation of the public utilities, financed by the issuing of government

The shadow trade and industry secretary, Margaret Beckett, has also tightened the party's utility policy this week with the announcement that Labour would make raising the protection of con-sumer interests, rather than simply those of shareholders, ing efforts at Labour's confer- a "primary duty" of the ence, and union officials rep- regulator.

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Cherry-picking speeches is Blair's answer to insomnia

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NEIL KINNOCK confessed on radio yesterday that when he was party leader he would stay up all the precedbig occasion. Well, if that is this month, but they don't ably pleased.

The start of the week, the moral, tax-paying image for the week, the moral, tax-paying image for the week, the moral, tax-paying image for the press is dead? On the press is dead?

vetting. Blair and his speechwriters then coolly cherry-picked the best bits before returning them. David

Rory Bremner may have been asked to supply a few jokes for the Blair speech, but in the end only one profesing night rewriting his con-ference speech. Tony Blair, he his material included. thought managed to get a Chubby Brown and Ken Dodd good night's sleep before the are performing in Blackpool

HERE was also some sus-picion around the hall that Robin Cook had been orfore returning them. David Blunkett, I hear, was particularly plundered, and even Gordon Brown had to go back to the drawing board when Blatr hijacked his Euro '96-inspired 'Labour's coming spired 'Labour's coming home". Franz Vranitsky, announced: "We have watched with great interest the advances that the

all shadow ministers to sub-mit their draft speeches for work of Roy Hudd. Tuesday I told you of my dis-covery of New Labour's very own Stage Management office. Yesterday, passing the same door, what do I discover but that the "Stage Manage ment" notice has disappeared overnight. Now it merely says "PRIVATE — Staff Only".

> TO PREPARE myself for the rigours of the afternoon I search out a lunchtime pean social democratic prime meeting. John Mortimer's ministers. One, Austria's meeting defending the inalienable human right to go fox-hunting seems tempting but is overcrowded and inau-British Labour Party has dible. So where better to stock made since you became up than at the buffet lunch Leader." Cooky looked suit-ably pleased.
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> provided at the fringe gather-ing on Obesity. Especially at it is addressed by Professor

Martin Kettle

News in brief

Turkey condemned on human rights

AMNESTY International singled out Turkey yesterday in a worldwide campaign agains! human rights abuses, saying Ankara's record in the 1990s had gone from bad to worse.

Amnesty's secretary-general, Pierre Sane, told a news conference in Islanbul that Turkey, through the indifference of

successive governments, had selected itself for the campaign. "They have done so by signing international human rights standards and proclaiming abroad that human rights are a priority, and then covering up torture, disappearances and

political killings," Mr Sane said. "Today we are saying enough Mr Sané spoke at the end of a week-long visit to Turkey in which he met politicians, union officials, human rights activ-

ists and the victims of abuses The police are seen as the chief perpetrators of torture. A report issued at the campaign's launch detailed numerous instances of torture, including a marked increase in cases

involving children and young people.

Annesty said the security forces treated human rights with contempt. It called for an end to their immunity from prosecution and urged the government to prevent "disappearances

Amnesty recommended that political prisoners should not be guarded by the police or gendarmerie, after incidents where

several immates were beaten to death.
"Turkish governments have acted as if the country's appalling human rights record was little more than a public relations problem," Mr Sane said. - Chris Nuttall, Ankara.

Europe to fight US trade laws

THE European Union yesterday stepped up its dispute with the United States over legislation that punishes foreign companies dealing with Cuba, Libya and Iran.

The 15 EU foreign ministers agreed in Luxembourg to ask the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to overrule the Helms-Burton Act, through which the US seeks to penalise foreign companies

The EU will also contest the D'Amato Act, under which the US can impose sanctions on foreign companies investing in the energy sectors of Iran and Libya.

Although the EU request to launch a formal complaint at the WTO could come as early as October 16, the White House can still delay a hearing until after the presidential elections.

"I hope we can settle this amicably, but the contentious phase has started as of now," the French foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, said yesterday. — AP, Lucambourg.

Parents of 'spy' seek mercy

THE parents of a Russian diplomat alleged to have spied for Britain yesterday appealed for compassion for their son Alexei and Olga Obukhov called for experts to assess the sanity of their son Platon, aged 28, — who is in prison awaiting trial on espionage charges — and disclosed details of mental problems they say he developed 10 years ago.

Alexei Obukhov, a former Soviet deputy foreign minister and a top disarmament negotiator, said the British intelligence agency Wils had been respect to requit this con-

MI6 had been wrong to recruit his son.

He said in comments published by the Nezavisimaya Gazeta daily newspaper: "We appeal to the leaders of the SIS [Britain's Special Intelligence Service] and the FSB [Russia's Federal Security Service) to meet at a negotiating table and evaluate, calmly and without noisy exaggeration . . . the case of Platon Obukhov." Britain expelled four Russian diplomats in May after Moscow threw out four British embassy employees accused of links to a Russian citizen with access to classified information. The FSB said in July that Flaton Obukhov had been arrested. — Reuter, Moscow.

S African arms ban extended

SOUTH AFRICA'S government yesterday extended a ban on the carrying of weapons at public meetings from volatile areas to the entire country.

'We need to move away from the violence-ridden history of the past towards a more stable and law-governed society," Sydney Mufamadi, the safety and security minister, said in a statement. Weapons, particularly traditional spears, machetes and axes, have commonly been carried in protest marches, and have often

been used in spontaneous clashes. A ban has been in place since March in KwaZulu-Natal, which is plagued by violence between followers of the Inkatha Freedom. Party and the African National Congress. — Reuter, Cape Town.

Emeralds are forever



THE world's largest-known emerald cluster worth about £33 million has been extracted from what its owner thought was merely a large black rock found in Madagascar. Gemmologists in Bangkok (above) removed layer of black mica before finding 127 green emeralds weighing 1671bs, or 380,000 carats. — Reuter, Baugkok.

Clean-up plan for Yangtze

CHINA plans to close down all paper mills on the upper reaches of the Yangtze river as part of a comprehensive effort to clean up the waterway, the Xinhua news agency reported yesterday.

The closures would aim to minimise the ecological effects of the

gargantuan Three Gorges dam project — the world's largest hydro-electric power plant, due to be completed in 2009. Xinhus said Beijing had earmarked about 90 million yuan (£7.2 million) for an environmental monitoring network. Authorities would also try to curtail industrial poliution.

The United States Export-Import Bank rejected a request to help fund the £20 billion project, citing environmental concerns. Critics say it could have a devastating impact. — Rauter, Beiling.

Japanese voters undecided

THREE weeks before Japan holds general elections, floating voters outnumber those backing the most popular party, a poll showed yesterday.

The Asahi Shimbun newspaper poll of 2,000 voters revealed that 31 per cent said they favoured no party in the October 20 elections, against 28 per cent expressing support for the Liberal Democratic Party led by the prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto. The Democratic Party, a reformist bloc formed at the weekend

to attract unaffiliated voters, outpolled the larger main opposition party, Shinshinto (New Frontier Party). — Remar, Tokyo.



Can we now expect to see Saddam Hussein advertising dogfood, or General Ratko Mladic explaining the advantages of double glazing? Francis Wheen

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Jonathan Steele in Kabul finds the guerrillas anxious to soften the first impact of their brutal victory

Taliban woos world opinion

limply from a traffic post. Bloodstains disfigure the kerb-beneath it. But the body of Mohammed Najibullah, Afghanistan's former president, has been cut down, handed over to the leaders of

his tribe, and buried. As if to wipe away a little more of the shock of his execution, which was widely con-demned around the world, the victorious Taliban movement sought yesterday to present a more moderate face.

"We won't export funda-mentalism. We won't support terrorlsm and we want good relations with all countries in the world," Sher Mohammed Stanaktai told a press

Described as deputy foreign minister in a government which has yet to be named,

HR rope is still Mr Stanakzai is a 37-year-old will go to school." He did not ter in the overthrown govern-there, trailing graduate of Rabul University say when the rules would be limply from a traffic who became a field command-ready. who became a field command er in the resistance to Soviel

occupation in the 1980s. With electricity supplies restored and the first commercial flight arriving yester day at the reopened international airport, he promised foreign relief agencies that they were welcome to stay. and said the city was back to

women, which has sent tremors of worry through Kabul, particularly among the estimated 30,000 war widows who are their families' only At the weekend they were told they had to stay at home.

He also appeared to soften Taliban's barsh line on

But Mr Stanakzai said: "We're drawing up regula-tions under which women will be able to work and girls

He extended an olive branch to General Abdul Rashid Dostam, the army commander in northern Afghanistan who supported the previous government and has

He destroyed our country. It was the anger of our people which killed him'

not yet stated his intentions. His forces now face Taliban at the Salang tunnel, the main gateway to the north. "Dostam has always been

positive about us," Mr Stan-akzai said. The general is seen as the only possible serious resis-tance to Taliban now that Commander Ahmed Shah

Massoud, the defence minis-

stan border.
"We have decided to remove Massoud from the Panjsher." Mr Stanakzai said - a phrase noticeably differ-

The other leaders of the old

government, President Ber-hanuddin Rabbani and the

prime minister, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, are reported to be

ent from his attitude towards Gen Dostam.

He seemed to want to place distance between the Talihan leadership and the killing of Najibuliah, the last Soviet-

under United Nations protec-tion in a safe house in Kabul until last week. Taliban's sixman council was in the south ern city of Kandahar at the

time, he said. But he justified the killing on the grounds that Najibullah had "hanged many of our

people". He said: "Under his leadership our country was de-stroyed. It was the anger of our people which killed him." Lynching was not part of Taliban policy, he added. Cul-prits would be brought before

Laurent Hamida of Reuters adds from the Panjsher Valley: Ethnic Tajik fighters sup-porting Condr Massood were furiously at work yesterday preparing the defence of their Panisher Valley against an expected Taliban attack.

capture the long valley, where green patches surrounding villages are sepa-rated by narrow rocky defiles.

Aides at Condr Massood's beadquarters, whose location they asked not to be disclosed. said they were talking to Gen against Taliban. They declined to say how far the talks had gone or give any further

They said their retreat from Kabul had been rapid because former allies had turned against Cmdr Massood and had been forced to fight their

way north. Cmdr Massood's men had been prepared to make a stand at Charikar, about 40 miles north of Kabul, but were attacked from behind before the Taliban forces arrived, the aides said.

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Beijing's liberal propaganda chief invites Tibet's leader to 'return to the motherland'

China throws new line to Dalai Lama

HINA has sent an un-usually positive signal to the Dalai Lama, despite growing tension in Tibet, through an interview riven by one of Beijing's more

Li Ruihuan, the propaganda chief, has drawn a careful distinction between the Tibetan religious leader and the 'clique" around him, sugge ing that an agreement could still be reached with the Dalai

Beijing's proposals have been blocked by the "Dalai side". Mr Li says, but the Dalai himself would be welcome "to return to the moth something beneficial for the people of Tibet".

His distinction is sharply at odds with the rest of Beijing's pronouncements on Tibet which have reached new heights of invective against the Dalai in person.

Last week an official Chinese news commentary de-scribed him as "the chieftain of the splittist [separatist] clique", and a "conspirator" who was "begging foreigners

Mr Ll, by contrast, in an interview on September 18 while visiting Switzerland, passed no judgment on the Dalai's motives or behaviour. în a key passage he said: "The Dalai clique's political nature has been decided by what it has done in history, but as for the Dalai himself, we have al-ways ... given him a way

The interview in Bern was ilmost entirely concerned with Tibet and was given un cial People's Daily.
It coincided with a remark

ably mild speech by the Dalai Lama at the National Press Club in Sydney on the sam

He suggested that "a change for the better" was coming in Tibet and that a post-Deng Xisoping leadership would be more amenable to talks without preconditions.



Tibetan women use the traditional technique of



view of the increased severity of Chinese repression in Tibet. Tibetan monks are being forced to take what amounts to a loyalty test, and threatened with arrest or exoulsion from their monaster es if they do not denounce

Chinese army units are being deployed around Lhasa in an apparent show of

sight, In Slorc-speak, they were invited to "guesthouses".

picked up on Friday night, most in police sweeps

through Rangoon townships

"in a bid to prevent crime

likely to harm law and peace

and tranquillity of the state", as a senior intelligence officer

explained yesterday.

But another 400 people were

China has also been explofting the issue of its sovereignty over Tibet in its current wave of patriotic

Yesterday the People's Daily celebrated China's National Day with a colour picture its front page of the Tibetan boy chosen by Betjing as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, Tibet's

to the one already chosen, according to religious practice, by the Dalai Lama.

In his interview, Mr Li repeated the standard Chi-nese position: that the Dalai must recognise that Tibet is part of China and stop advocating independence before talks can be held. This is pushing at a door already half open. Since 1987 the Dalai has The boy is a rival candidate

of the Potala Palace. It is the first time since the 17th century that the palace, a labyrinth of uncounted thousands of rooms, has been overhauled, writes Jane Macartney in Lhasa. According to Qiong Da, deputy director of its management committee, it is the most expensive

renovation Beijing has ever undertaken. Much of the sacred Red Palace and the surrounding secular White Palace was built by the fifth Dalai Lama,

who moved there in about 1650, around the surviving rooms of a fort built by a seventh-century king. The stone and earth structure was eroded and insects had eaten away most of its pillars and almost all of its wooden window frames.

One of the greatest challenges. Mr Olong said, was to recreate the ochre mortar used for the floors and flat roofs. "We achieved about 70 per cent of the quality of the original." - Reuter.

dence is not a realistic de tion as one of the more mod-mand. He asks rather for erate Chinese leaders. Tibet to enjoy genuine autonomy and becom tary sone under Chinese China has made no serious

attempt to explore the negoti-ating possibilities offered by the Dalai's proposal since its policy hardened in the early

Since 1987 the Dalai has Mr Li's shift of line may acknowledged that indepenals or effect his personal posi-

He is a member of the elite standing committee of the Communist Party's ruling po-lithuro and chairman of the people's political consultative

This body and the national people's congress are forums for non-party opinion which may, some observers believe gain ground after Mr Deng

Burmese crackdown tightens noose around Suu Kyi

Nick Cumming-Bruce In Sangkok

ARRICADES manne by armed riot police yesterday still blocked ccess to Rangoon's University Avenue and the villa of Burma's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Since the barricades w up on Friday, residents have

learnt to keep well clear. The ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slore) said yesterday that it had detained 559 people since Friday in a security crackdown that may have escalated beyond even the junta's intentions. It claimed yesterday to have released 88 detainees. Slore officials say 159 of

those held were members of Ms Sau Kyi's National League

for Democracy (NLD), who

were headed to her house for a

special party congress. They

"Perhaps reaction was a littie tougher than they ex-pected or wanted," a diplomat in Rangoon sald. Either way, the Slorc has

seized the opportunity to de-liver another body-blow to the NLD and its leader. It again reveals the character of the "democracy" its generals have in mind for their new constitution - when they get round to formulating it. At about the time the Slore released Ms Suu Kyi from six

found themselves bundled | last year, it indicated a will-into lorries and trucked out of inguess to consider a dialogue dation. Undeterred by spowith her on Burma's future. By February, it was stalling talks on the grounds that it

dation. Undeterred by sporadic condemnation from the West, and showing greater tactical know-how, the Slore was too busy preparing the country for economic lift-off.

The message yesterday was more abrupt. "Suu Kyi's Any NLD attempt to weld its

The junta has seized the opportunity to deliver another body-blow to her group

actions have gone beyond the | supporters into a more cohe limits of an opposition sive network invites stronger leader," Colonel Kyaw Thein, a senior intelligence officer said. The Slore is striving to create a democracy, he insisted, adding: "there is no need for any opposition group.

The Slorc's actions are geared to pre-empting one. NLD members and supporters years' house arrest in July function under intense sur-

measures to thwart them. When Ms Suu Kyi and fel-low NLD leaders sought to hold a party congress in May, authorities arrested 262. As now, officials said they were peing detained only temporarily, but some received long

When the NLD withdrew from what Ms Suu Kyi dis- compound, at least by car, apply that pressure.

rustled up a law against any of abuse in the official media.

Re-detaining Me 2 media. create misunderstandings looks likely to remain a last among the public in connec-tion with the convention". In a move against Ms Suu

kyi's regular weekend talks to crowds of several thousand, the Slore also took pow ers to ban any organisation that violated laws controlling

public gatherings. They chose on Friday to pass over those powers in favour of military action, blocking Ms Suu Kyl's speech for the first time since her release from house arrest. The

next few days may provide some clue as to how far the Slore intends to isolate her. For the moment, NLD leadher, she is free to leave her

missed as a "sham" conven- ; and officials say she is free to tion working on the new con-stitution, and promised to around her is being drawn

resort, Rangoon-based diplo-mats believe. Sharp Western criticism of the weekend crackdown may have alerted the junta to the diplomatic price of such a move.

It may also be taking note of disenchantment voiced within the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), to which Burma is eeking full membership.

Slore leaders, if they felt themselves under pressure from the opposition, would not allow foreign opinion to stop them throwing Ms Suu Kyi behind bars. But after ers still have daily access to at the NLD, there seems less and less of an opposition to

European Union in turmoil over meeting Maastricht terms

Italy angry at claims that it is blocking EMU

John Hooper, Southern Europe Correspondent

HE potential for strife in Europe's drive for monetary union was underlined yesterday when italy pitched into a row with its Mediterranean neigh-bours about Rome's chances of meeting the Maastricht

The prime minister, Romano Prodi, took the unusual step of summoning the French ambassedor to de-mand an explanation of remarks about Italy's readiness for monetary union reportedly made by President Jacques Chirac.

The day before, Professor Prodi had made an indignant telephone call to the Spanish prime minister, José Maria Aznar, about claims that he had tried to hold up monetary

By last night, Mr Chirac had made a tactical retreat. But it was clearer than ever that Italy risked being left out of the first group to adopt a common currency in 1999, which could have a traumatic

long identified its interests ian government approved the with the cause of European most draconian budget in decades — precisely in order to

This is particularly true now that Umberto Bossi, the leader of the Northern League, has raised the prospect of se-cession. One of his main arguments is that the rich north of Italy would have no difficulty with monetary union were it not for the poor south. Italy's finance minister,

meet the Maastricht criteria — Mr Chirac's comments provoked bitter anger.

After France's ambassador was called in, President Chirac said Italian policy was "on the right path". He "ar-dently hoped" the lira could join the first group of curren-cies to be pooled.

'Spain is not interested in holding hands with Rome on the road to Maastricht'

ship of the first group to adopt the euro was "the only thing that can keep the country united".
Yesterday's row began when President Chirac was

when President Chirac was quoted as saying that things would now move quickly for countries "which have made the effort to clean up their economic and financial situation". He was said to have added: "It may take a little bit longer for those further be-hind, like Italy."

There was no such damage limitation by the Spanish prime minister. In an inter-view on Monday, Mr Aznar reiterated what had already been widely reported — that the Italian prime minister had tried to inveigle him into joining a common front aimed at delaying monetary union by at least a year.

"He wanted Spain and Italy to walk together holding hands towards Maastricht." Mr Aznar said. 'Tm not interested in holding hands. I told him we'd

A statement from Prof Pro-di's office said he had telephoned the Spanish leader to "remind" him of what had happened at their meeting in Valencia last month. But Mr Aznar's version of events was endorsed in Italian newspapers yesterday, and a spokesman for Silvio Berlusconi's opposition Forza Italia party said the Spaniard's ... has lost Italy the leader-ship of the Mediterranean".

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After the meeting in Valen-cia, Italy's centre-left govern-ment stiffened its 1997 budget to try to meet the original deadline for qualification for monetary union, at the end of next year. The budget, ap-proved last Friday, aims to cut the deficit by £27 billion, partly through undisclosed "treasury operations" and a one-off "Euro-tax".

The deficit, at 6.7 per cent of gross domestic product, is more than double the target set at Maastricht. Italy does not meet any of the criteria

France and Germany fear that Italy could become a serious burden on other countries adopting the euro.

Belgium plans soft austerity

ELGIUM became the latest European Union member state to try to square its economic performance with the requirements of monetary union when the prime minister, Jean-Luc Debaene, put for-ward an austerity budget

yesterday.
Following France, Italy and Spain, the Belgian goveroment proposed tax rises on petrol, alcohol and

Plans for a slow reform of the social security and pen-sions systems suggest the ify for the single currency in 1999 without provoking

public discontent. With trade unions already preparing for pro-tests, the government is wary of provoking a winter of discontent, especially in a climate of criticism of auand corruption scandals.

The reforms will raise the qualifying age for women pensioners from 60 to 65, but not until 2010. Child benefits for children aged over six will also be removed in the long term. Mr Dehaene said: "This is

not a transitional budget, but could justly be called a turning-point budget. Our country is responding to the economic and budget-ary criteria of Maastricht." Mr Dehaene promised a package of £1.7 billion cuts.

In the summer he took unprecedented powers over the economy in an attempt to reduce Belgium's £218 billion debt.

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that the remedies included large doses of creative ac-counting: the sale of more than £5 billion of gold reserves and the partial privatisation of one of the

main banks. Belgium fears being left out of the single currency as its main trading part-ners — Germany, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands — now seem likely

to qualify.

The indications are that the Maastricht criteria will be interpreted flexibly to ensure that as many states as possible qualify.

Under the treaty terms, Belgium must cut its budget deficit to below 3 per cent of year, which projections suggest it will do.

It also has to try to cut its debt from 133.5 per cent of at the summit with negotia-GDP to 60 per cent. Officials claimed the measure would show a willingness by cutting the ratio to 127 per cent next year.



Jean-Luc Dehaene: seeks But economists claimed £1.7bn package of cuts

Kohl and Chirac strengthen hand

HE German chancellor, Helmut Kohl, and Presi-France are close to agreeing a common platform for the Meastricht treaty negotiation on controversial issues such as European security and de-fence policy, and a new role for the European Union in the fight against international

Their foreign ministers met in Paris today to try to resolve remaining differences before an EU summit in Dublin on Saturday.
Although the Dublin meet-

ing will not agree changes to the Maastricht treaty, the French and German leaders are determined to push ahead

John Major, facing the Tory Party conference next week, will reiterate Britain's total opposition to closer political

In spite of Britain's stance, consensus is growing that the new treaty should include a stronger statement of the human and political rights of EU citizens, and a commit-ment to restoring full employment and improving environmental and social conditions. Debate at the Dublin summit will concentrate on how to strengthen the EU's fissiparous foreign and security pol-icy. Talks will also address transferring responsibility to the EU for key aspects of immigration and asylum policy, and introducing stronger counter-measures against cross-frontier crime and the

shadow boxing in the confer-ence so far," said the French foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, yesterday. "We must get to grips with the most important challenges facing the European Union and we will discuss how best

colleagues in Paris."
Paris, in an attempt to cement the Franco-German alliance, is no longer calling for the appointment of a leading political figure to speak for Europe on foreign policy.

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President Chirac is now ready to compromise with Dr Kohl, who believes such a figure would undermine the European Commission's role. A senior Commission official said yesterday that they were likely to agree on a for-eign policy "troika", consisting of a powerful secretary-general of the Council of

should prepare proposals for joint action on foreign and se purity matters.

But Bonn and Paris will insist on a step-by-step transfer to the EU of responsibility for the military role of the West-ern European Union.

In another policy change, France is willing to see the EU rather than national governments, take charge of some justice and immigration matters.

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, said last night that he was still sceptical of the value of discussing a new treaty at the summit.

general of the Council of Ministers, a commissioner with overall responsibility for foreign affairs, and the EU presidency. He said Britain seemed ready to accept that a special diplomatic unit in Brussels should prespect promosels for

Pessimism as

Ionathan Freedland in Washington

HE emergency White House summit called to House summer repair the fractured Middle East peace process opened yesterday with only the slimmest hope of a break-through and fresh fears from an Israeli intelligence claim that violence could spread

throughout region.

President Clinton met the
Israeli prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, and King Hussein of Jordan separately before bringing all three together in the Oval Office. But his officials warned observers not to expect dramatic progress.

The tension surrounding the meeting was increased by press reports that Mr Netanyahu had been told by Israeli intelligence that further clashes with the Palestinians could spill over into neigh-bouring Arab states, particu-larly Egypt. It reportedly recommended that any fur-ther Palestinian violence

should be completely crushed. The outcome of the talks is wholly uncertain. With sporadic violence reported in the West Bank city of Hebron yes-terday, US officials said their primary aim was to bring some calm to the situation.

Even the format of the summit remains fluid. After the Oval Office meeting, the three parties were due to hold de-tailed discussions under the chairmanship of the secretary of state, Warren Christopher. If those are successful, the three leaders will have a working lunch at the White circumstances in which it House today and then, if they | might fail.

can agree on a joint state-ment, hold a final news

conference. Mr Clinton intended to be directly involved in the talks. his aides said, and had cleared his diary. But most diplomats said the

outlook was bleak because the Israelis and Palestinians were increasingly entrenched in mutually exclusive positions. Mr Netanyahu has insisted that the archaelogical tunnel in Jerusalem whose opening sparked last week's outburst of violence will remain open. Mr Arafat has told the US that Israel must make real concessions.

Washington is sympathetic to a Jordanian proposal to submit the tunnel dispute to an international commission for arbitration, But Mr Netanyahu is likely to insist on it staying open until a decision is reached.

A key issue yesterday was Israel's long-standing promise to withdraw from Hebron. Mr Arafat pressed for a firm date. He was also seeking a further easing of the ban on Palestinian workers enter-

ing Israel.
Mr Netanyahu expanded on
his call for "continuous negotiations" with the Palestinians, asking for a permanent bilateral framework and a commitment to renounce the use of force. He said the Palestinian police who shot at Israelis last week had violated the basic principle of the Oslo peace agreement.
The White House's chief ob-

jective is to prevent a humiliating collapse in the talks. Mr Clinton was criticised yes-

and activists have been jailed by the Palestinian Authority

But in the poor alleys of

Gaza City, Hamas activists

say they are poised for a

comeback as events have vin-

dicated their belief that the

president. Yasser Arafat.

EU sees Israel as peace obstacle

John Palmer

A trader sells bread in the flashpoint West Bank city of Hebron yesterday during a four-hour break in the Israeli curfew, imposed at the height of last week's clashes between Palestinians and Israeli troops

**HOTOGRAPH JEROME DELAY

UROPEAN govern-ments last night gave full vent to their fury over Israel's obstruction of the Middle East peace process and threw their full diplomatic weight behind Palestinian demands for the closure of the Jerusa-lem tunnel which sparked the latest violence, and for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Hebron.

For the first time, European Union foreign minis-ters, meeting in Luxembourg, explicitly denounced Israel's deployment of tanks and helicopter gunships against Palestinian protesters, and made clear their opposition to any israeli claim of sovereignty over East Jerusalem.

"The European Union believes that it would greatly help to restore calm and confidence if the Hasmo-nean tunnel was restored to its original state. It furthermore calls for the cessation and reversal of all acts which may affect the status of the holy places in Jerusalem," a statement issued by foreign ministers declared. It went on to insist that East Jerusalem is fully covered by a United Nations resolution on "the inadmissibility of the acquisition of

refusal to implement the Oslo peace accord, ministers recalled Israel's depenleges it benefits from under agreements with the EII.

The EU believes the restoration of calm depends on rapid implementation of promises to withdraw Israeli troops from Hebron and release Palestinian prisoners. But it also wants the Israeli prime minister. Binyamin Netanyahu, to take urgent action to alleviate the economic plight of Palestinians by reopening the border with the occupied territories, guarantee-ing safe passage between Gaza and the West Bank. and abandoning Israeli obstruction of international

aid projects.

The statement appeals to both sides for restraint and calls on Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority to "exert full control over Palestinian forces". But it leaves no doubt that the EU regards Israel as the major obstacle to peace and as primarily responsible for "the disproportionate use of force during recent violence.

Reflecting the EU's frustration at being excluded from the Washington peace summit, the foreign ministers merely "welcome" the US peace initiative. The EU is ready to play a more active role in future peace talks while not excluding the possible use of ecothe possible use of eco-nomic sanctions against Israel if it is seen as respon-

territory by force" and that it is "not under Israeli sovereignty".

In a barely veiled warning on the possible consequences of a continued refrect to implement the conceded that the emphasis was on what the Israeli government was expected to do to fulfil the promises dence on the trading privi- of its predecessors.

The 'little man' driven to be Victor in more than name



lan Katz reports from Austin on a quixotic Texan's campaign for the Senate, and his 'kiss my butt' list

ICTOR MORALES has a message for all the Dem-ocratic Party honchos who would not take his calls or see him when he launched his campaign for the United States Senate. "After November 5 they're gonna be on my KMB list Know what that stands for? Kiss my butt."

A year ago no one imagined he might capture the Democratic nomination for Texas's US Senate race, let alone mount a serious challenge to the powerful Republican incumbent and former presi-

dential hopeful, Phil Gramm. He was a political un-known, a high school teacher, aged 46, who had never held any office higher than councillor in a town of 1,800.

But these days everyone wants to meet Mr Morales. Since he beat a veteran local politician backed by the entire Texas Democratic esnation, the Vietnam veteran April, he called President wise lacklustre season.

has been feted as the little guy who dared to take on the system, an antidote to the profescratic Party convention. He sional politicians reviled by ordinary Americans.

The only person not sur-prised by Mr Morales's rise is the man himself. "When I told my headmaster I needed to take some time off, I told him: 'I can take Phil Gramm.' I wouldn't have left my job for an ego trip. I've got two kids to feed."

Emptying his \$8,000 (£5,300) savings account in June last year, he hit the campaign trail in a nick un terrail. trail in a pick-up truck.

For almost a year, he crisscrossed the state, introducing himself to anyone he met and passing out "Vote Victor Morales" cards.

Wherever he went, Texans seemed to warm to his quixotic crusade. In one southern town he found \$10 tucked under his windscreen wiper. In another, an old woman said she had never been to a political function but would light a candle for him each Sunday.

As Texas's first minority candidate for the Senate from either party, Mr Morales received a particularly warm reception from Hispanics, who make up almost 13 per cent of the state's population. A handsome, diminutive third-generation Mexican

American, Mr Morales toki a quintessentially American story of how, coming from a

didn't get through, but he managed to secure a prime-

time speaking slot. But the money didn't flood in. Mr Morales says that is because he has refused to im-gratiate himself with local Democratic higs. With less than \$300,000 in his campaign coffers he faces an uphill battle against an incumbant with a \$3.5 million war chest.

But critics say his routine is wearing thin. His stock response to complex questions about welfare or health reform is that he doesn't know, but plans to study hard when he gets to Washington. After more than a year of campaigning, that doesn't

wash, they say. Democrats complain that his campaign has been poorly planned and is prone to gaffes. "He's an idiot," said one senior state Democrat. "He didn't win the nomination so much as fail into it. I

call him Victor Moron.' But Mr Morales has proved the pundits and his party wrong once and he is con-vinced he can do it twice. Despite being unable to afford TV advertising, he trails Senator Gramm by just eight points according to the latest poll.

To win he needs a high turnout among the tradition-ally apathetic Hispanic voters penniless, broken family, he in the south on November 5. clawed his way up.

After defeating state Con- left his mark on Texas poli-Even if he fails, he will have gressman John Bryant in tics and enlivened an other-

News in brief

'Dirty war' accusation

Spain's opposition parties yesterday demanded the res-ignation of the Popular Party deputy prime minister. Francisco Alvárez Cascos, after he blamed the country's former Socialist leader, Felipe González, for a "dirty war" against suspected Basque separatists

in the 1980s.

Mr González has denied any knowledge of the activities of the self-styled Anti-Terrorist Liberation Groups, which killed 27 suspected guerrillas. — Reuter.

Drugs deluge Russia has about 2 million

drug addicts, and narcotics worth £360 million a year are entering the country, an offi-cial, Major-General Alexander Sergeyev, told the Interfax news agency yesterday. - AP. Shuttle privatised

The space agency, Nasa, has signed a six-year \$7 billion (£4.6 billion) deal to place the running of the shuttle pro-gramme in the hands of the private United Space Alli-

ance, a Houston-based joint

venture. — Reuter.

Mushroom deaths Wild mushrooms have killed 92 people in Ukraine and left more than 1,000 others hospitalised in the deadliest mushroom season in years, officials in Kiev said yesterday. Doctors blame an increase in

poisonings on poverty. - AP.

Payment in kind Ukraine's government has decided to clear unpaid miners' wages by giving them motorcycles. - Reuter.

Hamas 'poised for comeback'

John Daniszewski in Gaza City

HEN fighting erupted last week between Palestinians and Israelis, one key element of the region's explosive political mix was missing — the mili-tant Islamic group Hamas. Since it claimed responsi-

peace process is a sham. With militant groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad competing with Mr Arafat for bility for a wave of suicide public support, he can ill afbombings earlier this year. ford to look weak during the which killed 59 people. Hamas White House peace summit with Israel's prime minister. has suffered a series of setbacks. Hundreds of its leaders | Binyamin Netanyahu.

Mahmoud Zahar, the Hamas spokesman in Gaza, said he was certain the Washington talks would fail.
"This was expected ever

since Madrid," Dr Zahar said. "We believe Israel, from the beginning, was not looking for real peace."

Dr Zahar said Mr Arafat was wrong to rein in the Palestinian police after three days' fighting with the Israelis left at least 70 dead and fat should, instead, have further whipped up resistance. | effort." — Los Angeles Times.

During the fighting, Hamas pleaded with Mr Arafat to open his prisons so that jailed "lions" could participate. This is exactly what the Israelis do not want.

Ghassan Khatib, a political analyst, said that while Mr Arafat's police won support among Palestinians last week by fighting the Israelis, Hamas

cannot capitalise on events. But, he said, "their goal is to weaken the peace process. 1,000 injured. He said Mr Ara- and others, such as Netanyahu, are saving them the

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Preparing for office

For Tony Blair it can't come too quickly

TONY BLAIR intends to be Britain's tions, which some had assumed he next prime minister. Yesterday he sounded like one. The task which faced him when he addressed the Labour conference at Blackpool was both simple and daunting. It was to make his party and the country believe that Labour can get back into government at last. Mr Blair's whole speech was a compelling attempt to fulfil that mas-sive and many-sided mission. It was the most satisfying account of the New Labour project for government that the party leader has yet delivered.

Although his speech was received with great warmth and approval by all wings of the party, Mr Blair gave very few concessions to his critics. His speech was full of uncompromising warnings about the rules under which a Blair government will operate. Labour the party of sound finance, good housekeeping and low interest rates. Labour the party of classless Britain, offering fairness not favours to both sides of industry alike. Labour the party of decency and achievement. Above all, Labour as the party of the future. It's a new world, said Mr Blair, and there will be no turning the clock. In these passages, this was a speech which guaranteed that the Blairite revolution will continue undeflected.

Yet there was also a tone which has been much more rarely heard in the was no attempt — although he said plenty of very iconoclastic things — to parade Labour as a party breaking wilfully with its roots. While welcoming the way in which the party has widened its appeal, Mr Blair went out of his way to identify with those who have stuck with Labour through the hard times. He pressed other buttons the legacy of the Spanish Civil War, the importance of the 1945 and 1964 governments, the dedication of older genera-

scorned. Such things may seem obscure to those outside the party, but they are a crucial part of the modernisation project. Yesterday Mr Blair may have discovered that it is possible to transform the Labour Party in a progressive

way without needlessly antagonising it. It was Mr Blair's most moralising speech as party leader. He called up the spirits of the Old Testament rather than the more recent secular heroes of the Labour cause. But Mr Blair was on particularly strong ground yesterday, in the light of the Hamilton case, in articulating such a moral theme. In an era in which parties competing for votes are increasingly forced to trim to the centre, the sincerity and moral credibility of the party leader is as important a part of the political battle as the policy agenda. It should have come as no surprise that the most intense applause followed Mr Blair's powerful passage about Dunblane and his pledge to ban privately owned handguns. This highly personalised style is a vital part of modern politics and Mr Blair is now a master of it.

Yet in the end, this speech was about preparing for government Labour is setting out its stall this week as a party and a movement which has contemporary solutions to contemporary problems. A lot of vital questions - about Labour leader's speeches. There was no taxes, public services and Europe to attack on the party or its culture. There name only three - remain unanswered. But the most important part of the speech was that in which he set out his so-called performance contract for government — a list of practical and focused goals which can be measured in the real world. Modern government is about the efficient fulfilment of desirable and achievable targets in the most practical way possible. Yesterday Mr Blair pointed the way to the future. Given the state of the Tory Party today, it cannot come a moment too soon.

The simple bit: Neil Hamilton lied The difficult bit: what should Parliament do about lan Greer?

Greer trailing round the television studios yesterday mournfully pleading impecuniosity as the cause of their failed libel action was richly instructive. It is always a pleasure to see the true artist at work — and here were two men at the height of their powers, lying for dear life. One appreciated for the

first time why it was that wealthy businessmen queued to press used fivers into their palms. But we will, for the moment, leave them to their unquiet fantasies and address the question of what is to be done about them? Mr Hamilton is, in a sense, the sim-

pler problem. Never mind his evasions over Mr Al Fayed. There is one other matter so serious and clear cut that even his silver tongue cannot explain it away. Geoffrey Robertson QC referred in open court yesterday to an absolute assurance given by Mr Hamilton to the Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine on the issue of accepting cash payments for asking questions. Mr Heseltine apparently accepted that assurance. We now know it to have been an outright lie. Mr Greer himself confessed on BBC television yesterday that he had paid Mr Hamilton on two occasions. There were many more instances

that we know of. So we have an elected Conservative MP who is proved to have lied to the Deputy Prime Minister. We cannot believe that either Mr Heseltine or John Major can tolerate such a situation. They must say openly whether they

THE SIGHT of Neil Hamilton and Ian | accept that they were lied to — and they must make plain what action they will take over it. If they remain silent or take no action or (their usual route of evasion) refer the matter to yet another committee of the House we will know that they are not fundamentally serious about the business of maintaining standards in public life. It is surely inconceivable, at the very least, that Mr Hamilton will be allowed to retain the

Conservative whip. Mr Greer is the more difficult and, in a sense, the more interesting case. We publish today a list of 21 Conservative MPS who received a contribution, some modest, some not so modest, to their 1987 election expenses from Mr Greer. We are also aware of more substantial and disturbing links with other Conservative MPs, notably Tim Smith, Sir Michael Grylls and Sir Andrew Bowden.

We have written to Sir Gordon Downey, the new Parliamentary Commissioner, asking him to open an inquiry into these matters based on the evidence which would have been available to the libel jury. Sir Gordon admitted that his committee would necessarily lack the ability of a courtroom to un-

cover the truth. Mr Greer's shadowy influence-buying activities will inevitably be a difficult area for such a committee to get to grips with compared with the simple venal appetites of Mr Hamilton. Much depends on how Sir Gordon's committee sets about its task.

Closing down the Cold War

Now it's all over do we still need armies of spycatchers?

genre of spy fiction in particular - a national sport outshone even the won't be quite the same after yesterday's release of thousands of coded it shares cryptology as its methodology) messages from the Public Record Office showing the extent of Soviet penetration of US and British organisations during and after the second world war. Moscow had over 200 agents in the US and the UK including not only the famous ones like Fuchs, Philby, Maclean and Burgess but also more recently uncovered spies like Dr Ted Hall, a New Yorker who moved to Britain in 1962 whose code name was "Mlad" because he was so young, and the Cambridge scientist, John Little. This may mark the end of an era partly because the few reds still under the beds have become so bedridden it is almost uncharitable to unmask them while others may escape because not all the messages have been decoded. So the

THE WORLD in general - and the | Fifth and even the Sixth man, which as search for prime numbers (with which may now be laid to rest. Smiley is no

longer needed at the Circus. We still need to be told what it all meant. Secrets were passed to Russia almost as fast as being posted on the Internet (which these days they probably would be). As a result the Soviet Union built look-alike atom bombs two or three years earlier than otherwise. Whether the balance of terror thus created helped preserve peace or not will be debated for years. The Cold War is over but the huge quangocracies it created - from the CIA downwards remain, unsure whose bed they should now be looking under. But they protect their size and make it difficult for outsiders to know what they are up to. We need to penetrate their defences. search for the Third, the Fourth, the Maybe there is still a job for 007.



Letters to the Editor

The sword of truth

the morality of our political leaders at the heart of media crutiny (A liar and a cheat, October 1). We need thought-ful public debate and analysis, not just of individual mo-rality but of the national structures within which it in-

variably becomes entangled The Scott Report highlighted the moral issue that to the export of arms, has ef-fectively been legislating without the knowledge of Parliament. If faith in our democratic processes is to be restored, the need for a Freedom of Information Act has never been more pressing. Michael Bartlet Parliamentary Liaison

Secretary. Religious Society of Friends in Britain. 173-177 Euston Road

CONGRATULATIONS on your front page. Your

Sperm wars

ONE concept not covered in your article about Mrs B and her dead husband's sperm

(Can a widow be a mother? October 1) is ownership. If fro-zen sperm is considered to

remain the property of its pro-

ducer, the permission of that owner should be required be-

fore it can be used. On his

treated as any other part of his

estate, and ownership should

pass to the residuary legatee. One assumes here that is Mrs

B, so she should be able to

The position taken by the

Human Fertilisation and Em-

bryology Authority (HFEA) seems to be that title in the

sperm has passed away from

its producer, an effect not made clear in discussion of

the 1990 Act. Many of the Act's

consequences are entirely con-

sistent with the concept of

ownership, which should take

precedence unless Parliament explicitly decided to confis-

Wangfield Farm House,

Southampton SO32 2DA.

cate title

Eric O Bodger.

grant consent to its use.

death, his sperm should be

British press, a rare pearl. I am delighted to have remained a loyal reader of a newspaper that has the guts to print the truth. David W Young. Crossways Farm, Heath House, Wedmore,

Somerset BS28 4UD.

DO not expect that your lat-est revelations will make the slightest difference. I do not expect the matter to be investigated by any offices of state. Within two to three weeks and furious activity by Conservative spin-doctors. the whole saga will have been forgotten about. Michael D Mitchell. 30 Ring Road,

Flackwell Heath. Buckinghamshire HP10 9HB.

SURELY "commission pay-ments" and "introduction fees" are just Parliamentary terms for the more commonly used word: "backhander".

HE fact that Mr B was un-

conscious would not be a

legal bar to his widow's tak-

ing possession of the contents

of his pockets or cutting a

lock of his hair to keep, so

taking his last gift to her —

his sperm?

why should it be a bar to her

How can a dead man put his

wishes in writing? Surely the fact that his widow says they

discussed the matter and

agreed should be sufficient evidence of the man's wishes.

WHEN a man goes through a wedding ceremony and

signs the register, he is con-senting to the use of his

Philip Hetherington

Kendal, Cumbria LA9 6RS.

14 Lowther Park.

HE discontinuance of piece of political analysis that has not been scared out of the Neil Hamilton's libel I have ever read. In the libel courts by the obscene case has again placed squalid dung-heap that is the amounts of cash demanded by libel courts by the obscene amounts of cash demanded by these corrupt and devious political miscreants. You are assured of my daily 45 pence for a long time to come. 12 Cotesbach Road, London E5 9QJ,

> SUPPOSE the days have long gone when we might have expected Neil Hamilton to apply for the Stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds. Perhaps he would if it was for "the Chiltern Thousands". Christopher Railing. The Coach House, Kingston Hill

Kingston upon-Thames KT2 THE decision by Neil Ham-liton to drop his libel action against you leaves

many questions unanswered. Whom should I pay to have those questions asked? Tony Robinson. 6 Clos du Bergoje.

sperm for the impregnation of

the woman he is marrying.

This is the religious and legal object of the procedure and it

is quite wrong of the HFEA to

block the fertilisation of a widow by her husband's fro-

MRS B is not allowed to use her dead husband's

sperm without his permis-

sion, yet she could have given

permission for any number of

parts of his body to have been

used in transplants after his

zen sperm,

Colin Finn.

Leahurst, Neston,

ANYONE APART FROM THE HEEA?

It is time the railways gave women passengers a platform

Pos Coward's comments THIS article rings a bell.

Rare timely (Why rail rage | TOur club's local survey) is a feminist issue, September 30). Research on the benefits of rural railways, which we have been carrying out for Transport 2000 Trust, shows very clearly the dispropor-tionate dependence of women and young people on rail services in rural areas.

There's no doubt that if more stations had staff to provide information and security, and if the trains were designed to be more accessible for both people with disabilities and passengers with heavy luggage (such as prams), more women would travel by train. Issues such as good bus-rail interchange and safe park-and-ride facilities at stations are of equal importance; it's no use making one part of the transport chain safe if the rest isn't.

though: many of the new train-operating companies are recruiting women for front-line jobs such as con-ductors, and the all-male lineup in senior rail management the occasional female face. (Dr) Paul Salveson.

Transport Research and Information Network, School Lane, Huddersfield HD4 7LT.

found that 90 per cent of frightening incidents never get reported to the police. A. problem spot is railway stations. We therefore asked for the station lights not to be turned off 15 minutes before the last train arrived, only to off duty at 00,30 and will not be expected to stay on" (they switches). We were also told that it was unclear if the new franchise would finance where girls were being harassed, but we should

directors, when known" Not that BR were much bet ter. A colleague who wrote to them after a sexual attack in one of the new-style carriages where she could not reach the communication cord was told "other passengers liked the new design".

June Bridgeman. Scroptimist International of Tunbridge Wells & District, 2 Frant Road,

Pisase include a full oostal address. We may edit letters: appear. We regret we cannot

acknowledge those not used.

These are flights of fantasy

Martyn Gregory's article (Flight from the truth, September 30), vet verv seri ous allegations are made both about BA's relationship with the BBC and about the substance of claims made against the company by John Gor-man. Mr Gorman prefers to conduct his own campaign through the media and has succeeded in slowing the pace of his litigation against us almost to a standstill. We be-lieve that the proper place for his claims to be adjudicated is in the courts and without further delay. A firm date has been set for hearing one of his two claims, on November 4.

Mr Gregory asserts that BA is conducting some kind of campaign of harasment against one of its customers. He does not say what he thinks could conceivably be the motivation for such irresponsible behaviour; nor could he, during more than 10 hours of discussions with me about his intended Newsnight programme, produce any evidence. I do not know whether Mr Gorman is being harassed

HERE is no balance in (sible. But BA has never conducted such a campaign. It beggars belief that anyone could seriously suggest that

we have. BA did not put pressure on the BBC's decision-makers. We spoke to the BBC in detail and answered all of their questions about Mr Gorman in Mr Gregory's presence. The last we heard from them was a letter in November 1995 confirming that they would give us an opportunity to par-ticipate in the programme if they decided to show it.

The article also refers to a

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second programme which deals with an anti-trust suit brought by Virgin Atlantic against BA in the US. There has been no recent contact on this subject, and the suggestion that the real reason for the BBC's decision not to show it was that it was "trembling before a heavyweight PR onslaught from BA outrageous and without foundation

Kenneth J M Walder. Legal director, British Airways. Speedbird House, PO Box 10, Heathrow Airport.

A Pinteresque falling-out

N HIS fascinating article on | which we were able to bring Harold Pinter's life and art (Enter stage left, October 1), transient and unsu Michael Billington quotes tailoring partnership. be described as a Pinteresque memory. According to it, we were friends from the age of in a 220-yard race and as a result "we haven't spoken for 50 years". Too good a story to check, but alas not true. We were, indeed, very good friends in the 1940s friendship cemented by my having the privilege of play-ing Malcolm to his Macbeth

and Mercutio to his Romeo. And although the schoolboy intimacies of playing solo whist in his parents' house have long since been eroded. we have certainly spoken from time to time over the last 50 years: in 1958 when my wife and I visited him and his wife in London, in the 1960s when I made special trips from Mon-treal to New York to see his play and from Sussex to London for the opening of The Homecoming, at his parents' house in Hove in the 1970s. and from time to time since in theatre bars and foyers. It is true, I very much

regret to say, that our subse-

quent relationship has never

been as warm as it was when, as youths, our friendship

our fathers together for a

transient and unsuccessful the 1960s and the cause was somewhat more serious than a schoolboy foot race. 12, but I never forgave him now ashamed to say that I because, while we were still made use of my knowledge of schoolboys, he once beat me Harold, his intimate friendmade use of my knowledge of ships and his family's reaction to them to write a review of The Homecoming which (I felt) cut through the obscurantist interpretations of the bemused critics and exposed it as a straightforward (and extraordinarily powerful) il-lumination of the tensions and hatreds induced by an inter-faith marriage.

I still think that this interpretation was nearer the mark than the high-flown nonsense generally peddled by anxious critics, but I also now think that I was wrong to try to disillusion the public at the cost of pain - not so much to Harold as to his remarkable and loving parents. I make these points now in

case a light-hearted comment by Harold to Michael Billington, reproduced without checking, should trivialise an important episode in his and my -- life. Barry Supple. The Leverhulme Trust, 15-19 New Fetter Lane, med to the point at London ECIA INR.

In a word . . .

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20 Willerby Road

death. The law is an ass! Peter Shield.

OU report Amnesty International's call for an inde-pendent judicial inquiry into the death of Diarmuid O'Neill (O'Neill 'in team that put bombs on bridge', September 27). I do not see what advan-tage such an investigation would have over our inquiry. The PCA investigation is im partial and I am determined that it will be thorough. The results will go to the Crown Prosecution Service and to H M Coroner.

Those who share Amnesty International's views should be reminded that a police officer currently faces a murder trial as a result of an Author-ity-supervised investigation into a shooting incident. John Cartwright. Deputy Chairman, Police Complaints Authority. 10 Great George Street,

London SWIP 3AE.

URTHER to your letters on management bollocksham. And they've sent me on to Crewe .

speak (October 1). As we changed trains at Preston recently, the PA system called for a "customer welcome host" to meet a passenger with a luggage trolley. Presumably as in: "Oh! Mr Customer Welcome Host./ What shall I do?/ wanted to go to Birming-

Diane and Derek Janes. 31 Dairymple Loan, East Lothian EH21 7DJ.

A Country Diary

or, if he is, who is respon-

THE WREKIN: It's black over | stunted oaks known as a cock-Bill's mother's, as we say about the dark, rain-laden clouds which slide like continents of night through the sky. No one knows who Bill or his mother is, but she lives wherever there's a brooding storm. The Wrekin looms against stormy skies like a great bonfire. Ignited by the first sparks of autumn, the cold fire spreads among the trees. Birch, rowan and beech are turning gold and copper. The unstoppable conflagra-tion has begun, but the smell is not of burning but of a rich fermenting of wet leaves and the air is thick with the invisible smoke of change. Along the main paths people have kicked over the wonderful fruiting bodies of fungi, a symptom of that old prejudice which regards toadstools as some manifestation of a badness that infects the earth. Under the collapsing bracken and off the beaten track, these wonderfully exotic structures appear from their secret world. On the elbow of a beech avenue, there's a

grassy bank surrounded by

earth, a coke-hearth or charcoal burning place. The clockwork call of a pheasant winds down as the old charcoal burners' trail leads deep into woods of ash and beech. The denser the wood, the longer it takes to change and the green along this barely perceptible trail has a strange intransigence. Used now by animals and not humans, the trail has other reasons to wander the woods. But what are they and where do they lead? Taking on a new and narrower life the trail twists upwards and suddenly enters a clearing on a ridge. Here in springy tufts of fescue among lichenpainted rocks are clumps of whimberry (bilberry) whose, leaves are turning scarlet, plum and bronze. Looking along the smoky underside of the sky, the plain rolls out to Long Mountain and the Brid-den hills of Wales. Enclosed by trees, in a place where long ago the charcoal burners worked their fires, the smouldering of autumn shoots sparks into the spirit

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Matthew Norman

lapse of the big libel case, relations between two of my oldest friends, lawyer Peter Carter-Ruck and MP Neil Hamilton, have become frosty. Ah well, these things happen — and sometimes lawyer-client ill-feeling can last a lifetime. In this case, how-ever, I have high hopes for a swift rapprochement, for on the horizon there lurks what may yet prove a small, mivate joy they can share. Mr Carter-Ruck has been put up for a peerage, we gather, in the Conservative lists just sent to Downing Street. One of his proposers is Lord Armstrong, the former Cabinet Secretary, and the other is . . . yes, I think you've guessed it . . . the famous MP and retired liti-gant, Neil Hamilton, Assuming Mr Hamilton's signature carries weight with John Major, Carter-Ruck's ermine-clad bum will be indenting red benches in a few

Year reconciliation! FTER all the loving andishments from New Labour, the US Democrats still fail to reciprocate. Few Democrats have been spotted at Black-pool, while two Labour pro-spective candidates — Ben Coleman (Broxbourne) and Tommy Hutchinson (Chingford) — report a rebuff at the Democratic convention in Chicago. Sensing a photoopportunity, they tried to follow Ted Kennedy into a hall but were blocked by security. "It's OK, we're the British Labour Party," said Mr Coleman. "You're what?" said the guard, dismissing them with a laconic thumb flick. "You are

months, giving the two men

the perfect cause for a New

YSTERY surrounds the true identity of Madame Vasso, the Greek psychic whose Fergie tapes have graced this week's tabloids. Close study of newspaper pictures
reveal an almost frightening resemblance to the Prisons Minister Ann Widdecombe. A long pause ensued when we rang the Home Office to ask if Madame Vasso is, in fact, Miss Widdecombe's stage name. 'What do you mean?" said a male press officer. Are they the same person, we won-dered? "I have no idea." he said, "but I can certainly find out for you and call you back." No call has been

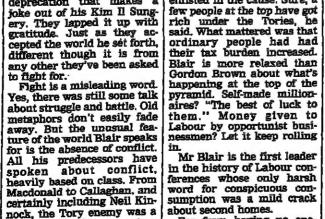
received. What can it mean? EANWHILE, Daily Mail royal reporter Richard Kay occu-Mail royal reporter ples two pages on the mat-ter, but still misses an important detail. He mentions that "the Duchess passed a message to Diana, who was reluctant to contact Vasso. herself", but then ignores the Daily Mirror's transcript which twice quotes Madame Vasso-Widde combe explaining that reluctance. First, she says, "I know, because of Richard Kay. He told her (Diana) not to contact me"; then she says: "I don't know why she doesn't want to see me . . . Is it Richard Kay who doesn't let her see me?" Poor chap. Being Diana's poodle can't

be much fun. N anonymous post-card challenges our report of a Mandy Mandelson sighting in the gym of the YMCA in Totten-ham Court Road. "Your informant is clearly mistaken," says the card. "The Mandy lookalike did his skipalong" (ah, that's what the one-legged pose was)
"with his personal fitness trainer for an hour. Then be dressed without shower-ing." The writer argues that such personal neglect seems so Old Labour that it can't possibly have been Mandy. However, since Oofy Wegg-Prosser has failed to rebut it after five days, the likelihood is that, like certain reptiles and

Her Majesty the Queen, Mandy has no sweat glands. N Austin, Texas, an original excuse has been given by a prospective juror. Juror number 536, George W Bush (the expresident's boy), asked to be dismissed because, as Gov-ernor of Texas, he has the class enemy, its supporters beyond the pale, its chief vopower to pardon convicts. You'd have thought that taries to be taxed, at least rhetorically, until the pips this would make him an even better juror ("Guilty. sqeaked. Your Honour, but don't waste your breath sentencing him 'cos I'm letting him out tomorrowanyway"). but he is expected to be ex-

cused regardless.

YOU PAY FOR THE QUESTIONS.



aires? "The best of luck to them." Money given to Labour by opportunist busi-nessmen? Let it keep rolling Mr Blair is the first leader in the history of Labour con-ferences whose only harsh word for conspicuous con-sumption was a mild crack about second homes.

values to be linear aside of alternatively, models to be enlisted in the cause. Sure, a few people at the top have got rich under the Tories, he

Far from having no enemies on the left, New Labour acknowledges no enemies anywhere on its circumferqeaked.

To Blair, they are irreledinclusiveness. The world where and not least in Brit-

idealised place where no one is the natural enemy of anyone else, except perhaps the contracted MP who asks paid-for questions, and the entire Conservative Government that has rained the ment that has ruined the country. That government is an aberration, a regrettable accident the people visited on themselves. But now the people can come together. New Labour, new peace, new unconflicted, common-sense. "No more bosses versus workers. You are on the same side. The same team. Britain side. The same team Britain united. For all our people."
This can be called a fantasy. Specific parts of the speech seemed rich in illusion. The idea that the quangocracy will be abolished, rather than taken over by a class of Labour quangocrats. class of Labour quangocrats, flies in the face of evidence

vances to be flicked aside or. | Blair genuinely sees is an | ain 1974-79. The promise to make a new world where gov-ernment was streamlined and citizen-friendly is a kind of crazy dream. But why not? If a new leader can't summon up such dreams of better-ment, we say goodbye to all nope from new political energy.
The speech was littered with masterly imprecision, on party passions like pensions and railways. But some of its specifics were greated

of its specifics were greated with the huge enthusiasm of a party that's content with easy substitutes for ideology: the elected authority for London, the ban on hand-guns, the three-week literacy The emotion and contrivance

It contained bigger things. of the form by no means buried content and function. buried content and function.

I vow to thee my country,
Blair very nearly said. A contract with Britain he very stomping submission.

about "the political wing of the British people", which as far as I am aware only

"Glory days", not "Tory days" (I liked that one); the religion of the past (preaching) mixed with the religion of the people (football). Blair's language, in other words, is seeking to present a vision as powerful as William Blake's New Jerusalem. To summarise him: Britain United 5, Dark Sa-

From football to New Jerusalem . . . three views of Blair's performance Denis Healey's

Trust me, trust my vows and pledges

Commentary

Catherine Bennett

n his 1995 conference speech Tony Blair described himself as "my brother's keeper", adding, with memorable awfulness. "I will not walk by on the other side". As Blair was not, and is not a qualified paid. and is not, a qualified, paid-up parson, his stiff little sermon was not much appreciated. For this year's

appearance, Blair seemed to be aiming for a looser, more ecumenical feel, more in tune with today's Godless, but still sentimental electorate. Instead of his brother's keeper. Blair now aspires to be his brother's goalkeeper. Instead of being smothered in piety. we are to be transferred into his "team", "Britain United", flattered in a language, and with a text we can under-stand the gospel according to Baddiel and Skinner. "It's Baddiel and Skinner. "It's coming home," Blair chanted, remorselessly,

Labour's coming home." Given the rich possibilities of this sporting metaphor, it was hard to say whether the absence of the line "you'll never walk alone" was an act of commendable forbearance on the part of his speechw-riters, or an astonishing over-

spoke, the confer-

ence made a last

restrain itself

attempt

from being possessed by him. The session began with a film, of the kind that has

introduced each debate, and concerning which the confer-ence has shown a pleasing cynicism. When the foreign-

affairs debate was punctu-

ated with filmic messages from three European prime

ministers, each mouthing

New Labour mantras that were obviously scripted by

Mandelson Inc, there was open derision. The Labour Party hasn't absolutely lost

its marbles to Madison

Avenue.
The high point of the preBlair film was the appearance of John Prescott, whose
very image roused a sudden
unscripted immensity of ap-

plause. The party was saying that while its head had been

taken over, its heart still

wanted a fugitive moment of expression. When Mr Blair

gave fulsome mention to both

Mr Prescott and Mr Cook, the full-throated heart again

roared approval. The leader

principle fundamentally em-barrasses the old recruits to

New Labour. Here was their chance to register, with pain-less extravagance, support

But they soon submitted, and there was never a chance that they wouldn't. Mr Blair has found a nice line in self-

deprecation that makes a

for the collective.

year's homily was to floating atheists, but on the day that Al Fayed's Harrods Party was revealed, once again, in all its transcendent squalor, it hardly seemed to matter what Tony Blair actually said.

sight. To Britain's football-haters, the Euro 96 recitation ran the risk of being as offen-sive, or bewildering, as last still available). From the taut, presidential salutes on podium-arrival, to the perfectly co-ordinated head-swivelling, Whatever it was, he was saying it with fantastic intensity.

Actually, if you listened carefully, he seemed to be saying so richly deserves. The trio of he talked ambitiously of our

apart from the word antique — new challenges, new ideas, new world. new millennium. If a wizard could suddenly de-prive Blair of it, he'd look like a vehement goldfish. There was no end of strange talk about "1,000 days to prepare for the next 1,000 years" measurements of time previously favoured by the Book of Revelations, millenarian lu-natics and the Nazi Party — "1,000 days! Yes! To prepare for 1,000 years!". A half-threatening, half-invigoratto the active, darting right hand—now an imploring little claw, now a sweeping new broom, now a stabbing finger, now a first clenched in victory its time this first actors.

style repetition of the word "new". It's an adjective that can favourably be paired

with practically any noun

Calling his party New Labour seemed hardly differentiation enough. Towards the end, he said: 'The glory days are not over, but the Tory days are.' Secretly, what he'd probably like to lead is the Glory Party. Nevertheless, for pure performance and dramatic impact, his appearance could hardly be faulted

things that would choke any traditional Labour supporter - mainly that New Labour would do everything the Old Tories said they would do but had failed to manage. At times, simply calling his party New Labour seemed hardly differentiation enough for its new purpose. Towards the end, Blair said: "The glory days are not over, but the Tory days are. Secretly, what he'd probably like to lead is the Glory Party. Nevertheless, for pure per-formance-skills and dramatic impact, Blair's appearance could hardly be faulted. If

Blair continues to develop like this, he really should have a better setting next

ing tones of voice — fierce in-tent, broad good humour, throat-constricted contemplation — were no less well-de ployed. There were ruthlessly Dad's stroke, to an inspirational Christmas card from a 76-year-old pensioner, and to a red ribbon given him at Sam McClusky's funeral, with the message, "in your souls you want the same

logical argument. We began in the Age of Achievement. There was a Philip Glass hope . . . call our nation to its

Hugo Young argues that Tony Blair won the hearts of Labour not just with his

pledges on social policy, but also his vision of peaceful revolution at the centre

Summoner of dreams

facial expressions and matching tones of voice — fierce in tiny", of "not just turning a page in history but writing a new book". A new Book of Revelations? The Age of Apocalypse and Achievement alternated with favourite phrases picked from the last year, from Labour's "new vi-sion", to its "radical mis-sion", to "Britain United", and a promising new coinage, "The Decent Society". In the closing phases of his speech, Blair seemed to be improvisthing".

The text of the speech, was also, in its way, a work of art — considered more as a musi
than as a least than as a marks: "Britain comes world"

viting us. But imagine what? Have we missed something? How do you imagine a whole, new decent society without some help with specifics There were few pointers, apart from the now-familiar 'firm pledges" from New Labour, New Life for Britain. and some well-aired policies plucked from last year's speech. Only the proposed ban on hand-guns and reme-dial summer schools were added to our somewhat short list of firm expectations. The aim, apparently, was for us to trust Blair on every-

destiny" What would that sound like translated into

"Imagine it." Blair kept in-

German?

thing else, from the improve treatment of old people, to firmer handling of criminals to the Age of Achievement in general. To win that trust Blair made his nine vows, to this, his country. But by now. his variously-styled assurances were becoming confus ing. Is a vow the same as a firm pledge? Is it more, or less binding than a promise or a performance contract?

Does it really differ from a mission? And what's the punishment for not fulfilling a vow? If it's not being reelected next time round, well, we already knew that.

fact, anyone who has read his speeches, or his in-terviews, or his draft manifesto would have been familiar with virtually every practical aspect of the programme Blair presented yesterday. What was truly new here was his demeanour Who, in his heart, does Blair now believe himself to be? Twice, he talked of his "cove nant with the British people", most famously used by a certain old party laying down the law for the people of Judah. It sounds odd enough, interpreted in purely secular alive... take on the world terms. But Blair, we know, and win ... heritage of and saw yesterday, is not a

nearly offered, flirting for a

second with the the formulae

of discredited Newt Gingrich.

But what he vowed repre-sented his most specific and

maybe hazardous break-out

from cautious silence.

Among the vows were some that a recession could kill off:

the firm promise to cut by

more than half the number of

oxymoron.
The Conservatives have

greatly assisted in this evolu-

tion. With such a wreckage of

a government arrayed in front of him, Blair doesn't

have to say very much to demonstrate the quality of the new world he is offering

the people. There couldn't be a better time to be presenting

the acme of centrism as the

promise of revolutionary

Not only is there no coher-ent alternative socialism

around which to congregate on the left, the life of free-market liberalism is so obvi-

ously coming to an end that the intellectual challenge to construct a rival manifesto is

will be disappointed in what results. But there's no sense,

beyond sheer cynicism, in getting the disappointment

in first. The fact is that

Blair's vision, presented with maximum elan but not at the

expense of honest conviction

speaks to what most of the

country wants. Almost to a man, the party knows it. I

hospital patients.

date with destiny

that I couldn't afford to be out of contact for 17 hours." Back

at the Treasury that evening,

Healey met with his officials

for three hours. At the end of

their meeting he decided to apply for a loan from the IMF.

The prime minister, James

Callaghan, already installed

in Blackpool for the Labour conference, gave his assent.

The next morning, car work-ers at Ford went on strike. "I was close to demoralisation," recalls Healey. "Hughie Scan-

lon has said that the way the unions behaved at the time destroyed our motor-car in-

dustry — and he was right.
"I ordered a plane to Black-

pool and arrived in the hall

about half past two. I thought

the only thing to do was to take the bull by the borns. So I said I had come from the

battlefront, and that we're in

a very serious situation and

I'm going to have to take some very tough decisions and it'll mean sticking to

some of the policies you don't like, like cutting spending and raising taxes. I got a thin

bit of cheering when I went up, but a lot of booing, and I

made my speech and both the

boos and the cheers were louder when I sat down."

But it is the image of the government at bay in the

markets and with its own sup-

porters which lingers longest

from 1976. With Labour now

once more on the threshhold

of office, one inevitably won-

ders whether Healey foresees

a rerun of some of these

the loony left have just disap-peared," he says. "It's funny how these things happen.

Just like CND's disappeared

But the really striking thing

is that the old left, the

Michael Foot-Barbara Castle

type who were so difficult and influenced the unions very

much, they've gone too. And the unions have lost their

clout. They're only half the

size they were in my time and

half their members vote for

other parties, so they're not

going to dictate policy any

The big change now is that



Martin Kettle

HEN Gordon Brown, the man who would be Labour's next Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressed his party on Monday, he was greeted with respect, possibly with hope and undoubtedly with polite-

ness and applause.
But it was not always like
this, and it may not long
remain so if Labour wins the lection. Twenty years ago this week the last real Labour chancellor also came to the Winter Gardens. Being merely a Cabinet minister, Denis Healey was not allowed to speak from the platform and had to catch the chairman's eye from the floor. As he strode to the rostrum on September 30, 1976, he was greeted with more booing than cheering. The previous day the party conference had voted to nationalise the banks. But the chancellor's first words that day gave a truer picture of the Labour government's economic pros-

from the battlefront." Twenty years on, at 79, Lord Healey admits that the days of the 1976 IMF crisis were the worst of his long political life. The moment when he compelled the Labour government to accept out the collapsing pound, a move which necessitated major public-spending cuts and tax increases, is rightly seen as one of the irreversible points in the strange death of

pects. "I come," he said,

the postwar British economy. It had been a summer of relentless crisis for the pound. In June, Healey nego-tiated \$5.3 billion standby credit from the Swiss banks, but in the following month he was compelled to cut £1 billion in spending and to raise the same amount in increased taxes. In August heavy selling again hit the pound. By the time Healey prepared to fly out to the Commonwealth finance minunemployed young people, the unadorned pledge to cut the cost of welfare, the cer-tainty that he could get priisters' conference in Hong Kong on September 28, en route for the IMF annual meeting in Manila, a fresh

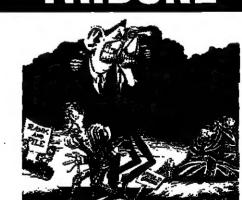
mary-school classes down slide was underway. There followed one of the One thing is unchanged, most dramatic moments in however. The sight of an emand more money spent on

E pounces on the sug-gestion that Blair's am-bitions might be too determined not to win the election on promises he can't keep: that's very sensible. We're going to face this celos-sal deficit. It's going to be a terrifying burden, and how we handle that and how fast is very difficult to say. I think he's very wise not to raise

hospital patients.

Before he came here, Blair planned this speech as an attempt to persuade Labour attempt to persuade Labour that what he stood for was radicalism, and that the programme he would outline added up to a modern version of democratic socialism. The world-without-conflict will never happen, but the radical centre is hereby rescued from its place as an oxymoron.

most dramatic moments in the Labour government's hisbattled chancellor attreated the political warrior's blood. The car going out to the airport, "I think Ken Clarke's doing ever so well. He exaggerates my vices, that's his only problem. He's got no self-discipline at all. But, my goodness, he'll have a terrible confierence. I expect he'll get booed even more than I did." And he oxymoron.



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Wisdom of the prophets

John Simpson

******************** ONY Blair's language yesterday was packed with a millennarian vision. And whatever the critics say, he did make one firm commitment on a highly controversial issue: he has no doubt when the new millennium starts. "At the time of the next elec-

see in this new Jerusalem?

best words, but not the best vision. What were the Tories' words that he iden-tified? Freedom, choice, opdays to the new millennium." That's January are the words Blair wants? the sky (or the adviser's will build "the age of the ternium." That's January are the words Blair wants? In the language of the ter2000, give or take a month or so: so the new millenor so: so the new

nium starts when we feel it come home to you; the glory should. But what will we days of Britain are not over, etc. "They say it is easier to First there was the subtle | get past security at our conbelittling of Tory spin-doc-toring: the Tories had the best words, but not the best ment past Gordon." (Is that

another football metaphor?) We're all winners now. There is a terrible danger portunity, aspiration and There is a terrible danger ambition. Well, it makes in inventing or retailing them seem rather boring if phrases. They seem golden tiny"; and though the party you put it like that. What when first plucked out of is "not a sect or cult", it the sky (or the adviser's will build "the age of John Simpson is Chief Editor of

oh dear — sounds too much like the Age of Aquarius again. Labour is the "party of aspiration", on the "path of peace". The fury of the Jerusalem visionary comes as a coun-terpoint to the political

footballing. Labour carries with it the wisdom of ages, the wisdom of the prophets. There will be a "covenant for the British people"
("judge me on it"); we will
face our "moment of des-

in Britain" catching on; "a | about the wisdom of talking new age of achievement" — about "the political wing of has Irish Republican connotations.

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Formula for a metal sandwich

sion — not of his making —

ing Harry to fire Rim Novak when the ice-blonde star was

photographed in what Joan considered to be a compro-

mising pose with Sammy Davis Junior. "Look at her with that monkey!" she said. Whether she knew of all

her husband's activities can-

not be confirmed - how, for

instance, he wired up the

dressing rooms of Glenn Ford

and Rita Hayworth when

they were in the midst of a

love affair. But she did en-

courage his Mussolini complex and designed the huge desk (on which he had the

Italian dictator's photograph)

at the very end of his huge



Patriot ... Wilkinson

ate and a chemist whose dedication to his science leaned toward the obsessive. Sir Geoffrey "Geoff" Wilkin-son — who has died aged 75 was a brilliant and complicated man who pioneered research into extraordinary organo-metallic compounds that have transformed industrial catalysis and enlarged fundamental aspects of organic and inorganic chemis try. Formerly Imperial Col-lege's Frankland Professor of Inorganic Chemistry and, after retirement in 1988, professor emeritus at the college. Sir Geoffrey worked until shortly before his death in a laboratory supported by Johnson-Matthey and dedi-cated to fundamental

He shared the 1973 chemistry Nobel Prize with Ernst Otto Fischer, for identifying the structure and properties of strange molecules known as the metallocenes, in which a metal atom is sandwiched between flat and fairly complex organic rings. After the war, many researchers were homing in on new types of reactive compound, among which was ferrocene. Its structure was a mystery. In 1954, on sabbatical leave in structural identifications Copenhagen from Harvard (where his father-in-law was a research professor) Geoff Wilkinson synthesised an organo-rhenium compound which he recognised as ex-Back at Harvard, with his

student John Birmingham, he

magnetic resonance spectroscopy to unravel the nature of the bonding of ferrocene and of his unusual rhenium comround. The outcome was a definition of the structure and properties of the "transition metal to hydrogen bond". which opened up vast new areas of research. Like ferrocene, the rhenium compound turned out to

be a metal-centred "sand-wich"; the first in the series of new compounds and their which led to his Nobel prize. Those in the same research field say in retrospect that while others hesitated "Geoff Wilkinson grabbed the sandwich and ran.' Everyone thought at this

time that metal-to-hydrogen bonding could only occur in

LUFF Yorkshire- research in homogeneous | used infra-red and nuclear | the presence of what are | scattering the first manuscript of his 1962 classic Adknown as complexed pi-ligands. Wilkinson, whose emvanced Organic Chemistry. Supportive of his students. pirical knowledge was huge Sir Geoffrey could neverthe-less be explosive with them. and intuitive sense extraordi-

nary, thought it should be possible to produce direct hy-drogen bonding. This could lead to a series of hybrids Time at Berkeley, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard gave him some thing of a transatlantic gloss whose properties might be of but he remained a vigorous great importance. Such com-pounds became the focus of scientific patriot. After the 1970s, with the government pinch on research spending, he was at loggerheads with his work after 1956, when Sir Geoffrey left Harvard for the Imperial College chair. Many of the "sandwich" type orsuccessive Science Research Council chairmen, and the University Grants Commitgano-metal complexes are highly reactive and unstable tee, whom he would cheer-fully bombard. And if this hydrogen is involved in creative synthesis, there are produced no response, he would bombard Whitehall, and the Prime Minister's likely to be unexpected events. The Wilkinson era at office. His Thatcher years, along with the rest of British Imperial included an occa-

Sir Geoffrey remained a convivial and enormously energetic man. In 1977 he wor the American Kirkpatrick Chemical Engineering Award, largely for the devel-opment of the rhodium-based catalyst used in low pressure accounted by the processes developed by the Union Carbide-Johnson Matthey consortium. The in-dustrial success of his work

As an Imperial College post-graduate Wilkinson was whisked away to Montreal in 1943 where, at that time excluded from the US Manhattan Project, a British feam was working on nuclear development. It was there using equipment excitingly smuggled into Canada from the US that be carried out

provided the platform for his fundamental research.

work on the unexpected "double-hump" pattern of uranium fission products. Crucial in weapon and reactor developments, this

research also stimulated his

interest in the chemistry of

the rare earth elements. While many of those involved in this wartime work remained in nuclear science or in radiochemistry, Sir Geoffrey — after a brief spell working on trans-uranium elements at Berkeley - chose to return to pure chemistry.
While at first he had hoped to stay in the United States.

even after his marriage in 1951 to Lise Solver Schou daughter of the professorial rector of the Danish pharma-ceutical high school — Sir Geoffrey found no permanent niche. He was delighted to be invited back to Imperial Col-

mimicked a full repertoire of obscene gestures. Peter en-

tality by passing the chimp to

and humour about their en-

dearing habits but confessed

later that he could never re-call having handled one until

he was in the studio that day.

Peter had enormous energy, wit and humour. He was

opinionated and every debate

was fuelled by an apparently limitless supply of facts. Ar-guments across the kitchen

table with family and friends

were usually stormy and pro-longed — he blamed his Irish

origins and Yorkshire stub-

bornness — but they usually

ended when Peter dissolved

His mental agility was

matched by a fiercely compet

itive streak. He was an excel-

lent swimmer and boxer in his youth, took up judo at the age of 40 and windsurfing and

parapenting aged 60. Peter

was also an expert marks-man. He had shot for the RAF

at Bisley, a skill he used at

Belle Vue for stopping escap-ees with a tranquiliser gun, as well as keeping down a

colossal rat population. He be-

tapirs who seemed to harbour a dislike of these opportunist

into uncontrollable mirth.

to answer a call of nature. He was a shameless selflege in 1956. A great talker, a great fell walker and a major innovator of ideas, he stimuscience in many ways.

Knighted in 1976 he won, among other -honours Royal Society Royal Medal and (this year) the Davy Medal. His Todmorden accent, hard Yorkshire shell his need for countryside and his concealed underlying warmth and humanity, were the local and sometimes mey pected facets of a scientist and personality of true interna-tional stature. His wife and two daughters survive him.

Anthony Tucker

son, born July 14, 1921; died September 26, 1996

Joan Perry

The Last Tycoon's wife

in the career of Joan Perry, who has died aged 85. In the 1930s, she was Joan Perry the film Mrs Harvey, divorced wife of Laurence Harvey, the film star. But it was the years in between, when she was Mrs Cohn, the wife of Harry Cohn the iron dictator of Columbia Pictures, that she became an integral part of the Hollywheeler-dealers who could make or break careers. She was, perhaps, the last link with the era of movie moguis dominated by the Warners, Goldwyn, Mayer, Zukor and her husband.

She was not one who sim-

HERE were three eras | wealth and its trappings, a | "ten-cents' worth" of advice new mink coat every Christ-mas, a Cadillac for her birthday, a diamond bracelet every time it appeared her husband was afraid his latest affair would be discovered. All that happened to Joan Cohn. But much more. She was his hostess; in her younger years a decorative blonde who, nevertheless, knew exactly how much use Harry was making of his casting couch — the intricate spying system he imposed on his stars was sometimes twoway - and of his various visits with starlets to Las

But she was also part of the

when she thought it necessary. Reputedly, she persuaded her husband to team Gene Kelly with Rita Hayworth in Cover Girl and played a huge part in getting Frank Sinatra the role of Maggio in From Here to Eter nity. She also made some mistakes - which Harry either followed up or ignored.

One of the latter was trying to talk Cohn out of hiring Evelyn Keyes to play the wife of Al Jolson in The Jolson Story, 50 years ago. As she told the then young star:
"Don't you know, Evelyn, you're not pretty." Harry took no notice and the mos studio apparatus. Like successful musical of the Frances Goldwyn, wife of post-war eta was a high spot Sam, she would give her of Keyes's career. Joan was

office - so that stars and producers would be cowered when they came to visit him. Strangely, for all his obvious complexes and faults. Cohn was loved by many of the people who worked for him and there is no doubt that Joan felt the same during their 17 years of marriage. A devoted Catholic, she made sure that her Jewish-born husband was con-verted to the faith on his

> She was born Elizabeth Ro-siland Miller in Pensacola, Florida, did some acting while at school in Tampa, and worked as a model until dis-covered by a Columbia talent scout Harry Cohn welcome her to the studio in 1935 at the same time as a young lady called Marguerita Cansino He told Cansino: "Tm going to make you a star" but to Elizabeth Miller, he said: "I'm go

ing to make you my wife."

Ms Cansino became Rita Hayworth and Elizabeth Miller became Joan Perry. She was assigned a swathe of unimportant movies — rarely as the star — including Dan-gerous Intrigue, The Devil Is Driving, Counterfeit Lady and Good Giris Go To Paris. More important was *Internationa* Squadron, starring Ronald leagan. She also worked with Ralph Bellamy, Lew Ayres and Melvyn Douglas. She retired from the scree

in 1941 when she married Cohn, who was 20 years her senior. Soon after his death in 1958 she married a shoe yeoon, Harry Karl, but she divorced a few months later concluding that a shoe boss was not the same as a movie mogul. Later she married Laurence Harvey, the Lithus nian-born British star but that too ended in divorce. She is survived by one son and a daughter from her mar-

second son predeceased her. Michael Freedland

actress, born July 7, 1911; died September 15, 1996

riage to Harry Cohn. A



Wild West fan . . . Grayson, former director of Belle Vue zoo

Peter Grayson

Wild man of the zoo

ETER GRAYSON, who has died aged 70, was the last director of Manchester's Belle Vue Zoo. He was the first zoo man in Britain to use showcessfully at a time when their popularity was declining and the world of academic zoology was shocked. He had an unerring ability to capture the headlines. Once, in a pair of underpants, he carried out a Tarzan-like rescue of a small child who had fallen into the

He came to Yorkshire's Flamingo Park Zoo from farming and estate management, movng to Belle Vue in 1971. Peter believed zoos should be more than "collections of living stamps". He refused to exploit or trivialise animals, but

Django Bates, jazz musi

cian, 36; Trevor Brooking, footballer commentator, 48;

Dr William Cramond, psychiatrist, 76; Lord Davies, chairman, Welsh National Opera, 56; Prof Sir Robin

Duthie, chairman, Britoil,

68; Anna Ford, broadcaster, 53; Peter Frankl, pianist, 61;

Nigel Greenhill, architect, 54; Diana Hendry, writer,

Birthdays

Tiger in the mid-1970s, he extravagantly claimed he was breeding more tigers in cap-tivity than the WWF was protecting in the wild. Despite his lack of formal zoological training, Belle Vue had a good captive breeding record durng his directorship — notably orang utans and other primates. He was devastated when the zoo closed in 1978.

caster, whose guiding principle was never to use one wellrounded phrase where six would do. I once interviewed him live on a Manchester BBC television programme with Topaz, a beguiling young chimpanzee whom Peter claimed he had taught to speak. This was a slight over-

designer, 48; Annie Leibo-

vitz, photographer, 46; Don McLean, folk singer, 51; Jan

Morris, author, 70; Jana No-votna, tennis player, 28;

Katherine Oglesby, adult educationalist, 53; James Porter, former director-gen-

eral, Commonwealth Insti-

tute, 68; Vivlan Ridler, for-

mer Printer to Oxford University, 83; The Rt Rev Lord Runcie, former Arch-

thieves as much as he did. publicity. During the World Wildlife Fund's Year of the

Peter was a patural broad-

She killed several while protecting her food, an unusual ability for a docile herbivore His love of shooting exended to a comprehensive knowledge of cowboy weaponry, the Wild West and American Indian culture. In retirement, Peter enjoyed

honing his own High Noor image. He enlivened difficult meetings with his local bank manager by riding his horse into town and hitching it. outside the bank. Typically, in the best tradition of his cowboy heroes, he died with his boots on. He leaves a wife, Rosemary, and two children. Alistair Macdonald

Peter Michael Grayson, showor trivialise animals, but speak. This was a slight over-regarded all publicity as good statement although Topaz September 15, 1986

55; Donna Karan, fashion | Lisa St Aubin de Teran writer, 43; Lord Justice Scott, investigator of Iraqgate, 62; Sting (Gordon Sumner). singer, 45; Gary Streeter, Conservative MP. 41; Dr Duncan Thomson keeper, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 62; Rose mary Thorp, economist, 56; Lord Todd OM, chemist, 89;

Alan Wells, cricketer, 35; Prof John Whitfield, au-

Tim Nicholson

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T WAS as a commissioning editor that Tim Nicholson who has committed suicide at me at the moment she decided the age of 32, had his major success. His founding and editorship of Attitude, with his publicist, appearing on one occasion on BBC children's longtime partner Jane Philtelevision as a hamster ex-pert. He talked with authority lips, helped revolutionise gay British publishing. The magazine celebrated gay culture, and showed the impact of gay tastes on the mainstream. Tim broke down barriers almost so subtly that readers took much of what he did for

granted. As the associate editor of For Women magazine, he was its driving force. It was a mould-breaking magazine and demonstrated that photography of naked men could be combined with intelligent articles in a way never achieved on men's titles.

In 1995, Nicholson joined senior editor. With Peter Howarth, he was attempting to bring the magazine back to of Loaded and FHM pressured men's titles to sacrifice content for titillation. Late last

month he resigned. Tim's journalism began with reviews for his local paper in Strangaer, and while at the London College of Printing be wrote for the New Musical Express. After worklieved that rats were eating ing on Just Seventeen, Tim, away the profits and ran a who had an encyclopaedic ferocious seven-year crusade knowledge of music, became against them. Peter was as album and live reviews editor sisted by one of the 200's on Record Mirror, which is on Record Mirror, which is where I met him. He was never afraid of a bold, strong idea and journalists wanted to work for him. He cared about good writing.

Malu Halasa

Timothy Nichalson, journalist, born August 25, September 19, 1996

Death Notices

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EARNETT, Callien Mary, aged 62, on Sep-tember Crd. suddenly and peacetally. Dearly loved mother of Michael and Shamba, daughter of the Rev. Puget and the late Dr. Kathleen Bilss, Teacher add To place your announcement teles 0171 713 4567, Fax 0171 713 4129

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Separate views

THIS AREA IS CLOSED FOR RE-FURBISHMENT COMING SOON AN IRISH THEME BAR CALLED "THE JOHN BULL PUB" Tony Boylan spotted this sign at the Charles De Goulle Airport in Paris when on his

Looting lines

1. IF POSSIBLE, you should always have some money on you when intending to shop-lift, because if you've got none, it's rather hard to argue that to steal the item was a spontaneous decision. As a result, if you've got no money

and are caught shoplifting you are more likely to be charged for burglary as well as theft

Wheeler-dealer who could make or break careers . . . Joan Perry

2. Buying something at the same time that you steal stuff doesn't necessarily ensure success. Approaching staff for items that you are absolutely sure they don't have is just as good. Think of something that you know they don't have and pretend that you are looking for this, so that you have an excuse for being there.

3. It is always a good idea to carry a bag although you should never stash anything in it — if security/sales staff have sussed you, the first place that they'll check is your bag and it might just get you off the book if they can't find anything suspicious in-

4. Remember that there is no such thing as a standard store detective - there is no qualifying dress code, age, race, gender or class. Grandma will bust you this week and next week it'll be a five-year-

standard shoplifter. Security do not go looking for the poorly dressed people. They may pick on you out of boredom, but remember, only an unsuccessful store detective picks on poorly dressed

people. On Entering the Maze: As soon as you enter the store, suss out the sales people. First impressions often count here. You could find a valuable blind-eye turning ally in younger or lessaffluent employees. Alternatively, an employee can often stand out as a more wishy. vashy gullible individual so even if they see you they are likely to be too gutless to mention it, either to you or to

2. Don't be put off by signs such as "shoplifters will be prosecuted" or "security police patrol this store". Often this is just bluff anyway, and in any case there is no security measure that cannot be undone by a clever shoplifter or a quick talker. Do, however, keep your eye on security and be on the lookout for 5. Just as there is no standard video surveillance cameras. store detective, nor is there a 3. Try to find where the video

surveillance monitors are and who is watching them; often they are not even looking at them. See if you can get a glance at their monitor. Often it is one monitor hooked up to 20 cameras which changes se quentially (every 30 seconds or so). Other times, it's one guy in a room looking at 50 screens while reading the paper or glued to the box. These monitors are usually pretty small and have a wide apperture, showing more of the room but not enough detail to adequately show what you are up to. 4. It is a good idea to keep your

back to the camera as much as possible without looking suspicious. Checkout cameras (hold-up cameras) are often set up to check on employees so they are not hard to keep your back turned to. Further shoplifting hints from the Marxism listserver. Thanks to Michael Jovic.

Home rules

🗣 in Eureka, Nevada, men with moustaches are not allowed to kiss women. In Illinois, it is illegal to

give lighted cigars to dogs, cats and other domestic

 In Michigan, a woman's hair is the property of her ● In Connecticut, it is illegal to cross the street on your

 In Pennsylvannia, housekeepers are forbidden to sweep dirt and dust under In Arkansas, a man may

beat his wife, but not more than once a month. In Maryland, mistreat ters at your peril. In Florida, women commit a crime if they fall asleep under a hairdryer. In Dyersburg, Tennessee, it

is illegal for a woman to ask a man for a date. In Utah. birds have a right of way on all highways. For anyone visiting the States, it might be wise to brush up on the local laws, Printed in Hot Air, the Virgin in-flight magazine.

Dressed codes IN DECIDING a reasonable standard of dress the

committee has taken the view that the minimum stan dard considered acceptable is "smart casual" dress - a standard clearly understood and accepted in many sports clubs world-wide.

Smart casual would be considered a minimum of slacks (skirts or slacks for ladies) with sports shirt, with collar and sleeves (e.g polo type shirts) and normal footwear (socks and shoes or sandals).

Nicholas Tucker,

Local trouble . . . Hot Air

Shorts (except athletic shorts, swimming shorts or similar) worn with sports shirt, socks, shoes or sandals are also acceptable.
To save embarrassment to

Lord Runcie, former Archithority on Italian language bishop of Canterbury, 75; and literature, 91.

members or their guests the following are not considered acceptable dress: Any shirt with offensive or provocative messages; Football, athletic, gym or beach shorts; cut off jeans or torn denim wear. Flip flops or dilapidated

Bare feet or bare torsos; Any dress which would not, generally, be considered acceptable in a member's club. How to say "We don't want yobs" entirely through sarto-rial rules in the Member's Guide of the Sussex County Cricket Club. Thanks to

Blair song

WE PUT the clause 4 in You take the clause 4 out You stamp on all our principles And shake the lefties out You smile at everybody As you spin around the floor

Oi Tony, Tony, Tony, Oi Tony, Tony, Tony, You put the right foot out, Blair, Blair, Blair. Asylum in the Sea Land of purgatory, Home of BSE, Scoff your Sunday dinner Laced with CJD. Served with Yorkshire water, What a dainty dish,

That what it's all about

Oi Tony, Tony, Tony,

And it's no use fishin Cos there ain't no ruddy fish. Sun goes into orbit. Hogg's head on the block. Farmers in the Tower Beefeaters run amok. Land of Purgatory Going round the bend John Bull and blue moollenium Apocowlyptic end. Songs of praise by Lord Biro in the Young Socialist. Thanks to David Bishop.

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Boom and bust over says Clarke, page 12

Rise in orders for capital goods, page 12

Rover range". The Mini was first pro-

duced in 1959 and more than 5.5 million have been sold. The elderly A-series

bridge, but the company said no jobs would be lost due to its decision to switch

supply to the South Ameri-

can plant which comes on

stream in 1999.

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Mini to have Chrysler engine made in South America

Chris Barrie Business Correspondent

OVER'S German owner, BMW, stunned the motor industry yesterday by revealing that the new Mini is to have an engine made in South America and designed by Chevelar of the IIS

America and designed by Chrysler of the US.

BMW is to invest gine plant in Britain.

\$500 million (£329 million) to take a 50 per cent stake the South American the South American and Bernd Pischetsrieder asid the company was in said the engine for the new Mini had to be made with Chrysler because of cost

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other half used in Chrysler cars. Chrysler will design the 1.4 and 1.6 litre engines and take the lead in constructing the plant at a lo-cation to be announced before the end of the year.
The announcement steps

up pressure on the Govern-ment to pay hefty grants to

man Bernd Pischetsrieder said the company was in talks with the Department of Trade and Industry over subsidies for a Midlands factory to make 450.000 medium standard angines a year



new Mini would be on sale min could be built any "a great accolade for where other than in the Chrysler" but sald it was "more of an issue whether than in the UK".

Unions signalled concern a South American built Midlands components industry, thousands of jobs would be created when the car went into production after development costing several hundred million About 20,000 Minis are

built every year at Long-bridge in Birmingham. BMW hopes up to seven times that number will be built on new production lines, probably at Long-bridge, for the new car.

that engines would be imported. Tony Woodley, national secretary for the motor industry at the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "Any announcement that expands the range of Rover's vehicles is good news but we are disappointed that the engines will not be built in the UK."

City analysts were sur-prised Rover had opted to deal with Chrysler, small-est of the "Big Three" US

Blair braver on Europe Chrysler engine will meet the expectations of the new



Rover said its present small car engine, the K-series, would be replaced Edited by Alex Brummer by a joint Rover/BMW de-

the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, has learnt to his cost, about a taking a pro-European line given the cur-rent configuration of the Brit-ish media. So Tony Blair deserves more than a little credit in giving some genuine coherence to Labour's Euro-pean policy in his conference speech. He is absolutely right to point out that the single market, in a variety of areas from telecoms to electricity and finance, is still far from reality, and Labour will seek to bring down the barriers if it wins office.

Of all the complaints one hears from Britain's leading industrialists about the EU. the failure of the European project to deliver a genuine single market in which air-line fares are genuinely competitive and electricity prices are not artificially fixed is among the loudest.

However, focusing attention on the achievement of the single market, although extremely important, should not be regarded as an excuse for ignoring the single cur-rency. In fact to do so, as the Tories are, would be to bury heads in the sand. Anyone at the official financial meetings in Washington in the last week could not but be impressed by how EMU has be-Group to Seven and the International Monetary Fund.

The US treasury secretary. Robert Rubin, elevated the euro to near the top of the G7's agenda and was particularly fascinated with the proposition that it might relieve some of the pressure on the dollar as the globe's leading reserve currency.

The IMF believes that, although the struggle to bring down fiscal deficits in Europe is proving politically and force for good not just in Europe but for the global economy too, if accompanied by parallel reforms in labour markets, reasonably generous monetary policy and rein-forcement by the stability

pact. Mr Blair and his foreign spokesman, Robin Cook, are at ast edging towards a more positive position on the euro. It is a brave stand given the attacks likely from Eurosceptics. But Britain with its flexible labour market is better placed to benefit from EMU than abnost any of its partners.

Rothschild links

■HE plans by the Rothschild family to realign several of its businesses seems sensible given the trend to size and globalisation in merchant banking. Alone, the Rothschild businesses at vestors have escaped relatively lightly.

niche players, Together they have the skills, opportunity and reputation required to prosper. As currently envis-aged the family's corporate fi-nance businesses in London nance businesses, in London, Paris and other financial centres, would be brought under central control with Baron David de Rothschild — who heads the French bank — taking the reins. This is proving technically more difficult than had been hoped because it means stitching together a partnership with a family-

owned plc.
Similarly, it is intended to bring investment banking under one umbrella and eventually coalesce the accounts of the constituent companies. Logically, investment management - the business run in London by the late Amschel Rothschild - would also

The immediate benefit from a link is that the succession problem would finally be resolved: Baron David de Rothschild could succeed Sir Evelyn in London. Plainly, there are benefits to be gained in retaining a strong cultural presence in the financial centres in which Rothschild's op-erates: but they are outweighed by the need for the oldest banking survivor to adapt to open and liberalised capital markets.

Fraser escape

T MIGHT be thought that any department store any department store group with the resonant names of those inside the House of Fraser — from Dick-ens & Jones to Kendalls would have no difficulty coining profits in the current climate on the high street. After all another retail group, John Lewis, has just reported a 16.6 per cent sales rise in its stores over the last eight weeks.

However, running department stores is not simple as stronger names like Liberty have discovered. Too many of the Fraser stores are of the wrong size, located poorly and in need of updating. But if this is true now it was even more so in 1994 when the Faveds, assisted by SG War burg, managed to raise £413 million for the Harrods owners through a share sale which attracted an unusually large number of private

What has happened since has been shocking. Profits first fell and have now turned into losses. There has been a wholesale clean-out of the floation management. Shareholders learned that the stores they bought into were laden with old stock and the store buyers were incapable of judging the women's and home products market

This has not proved the end of the nightmare: now shareholders are being asked to carry the burden of a further £50 million of provisions as underperforming stores are weeded out. Even though this and the pre-tax loss of £13.6 million had been fairly well telegraphed, the shares continue their downward drift at 158p against a 1994 offer price scaled down from 200p to 180p. Given the record since the Fayed financial coup, in-

brink of sealing survival deal Patrick Donovan

Eurotunnel on

City Editor

UROTUNNEL was last night on the brink of clinching the long-delayed resched-uling of its 28 billion debt mountain, averting the threat of being pushed into administration under French law. Leading bankers are hopeful an agreement could be reached before the end of the

week, with an announcement possibly as early as today.

Members of the 220-strong

banking consortium are expected to announce that a deal has been reached in principle, although it remains unclear whether they will be able to make public full de-tails of the hugely compli-

The long-running negotiations follow the banks' deci-sion a year ago to suspend in-terest payments on Eurotunnel's huge borrow-ings because of the company's

ing the debt.
The talks have been given Eurotunnel's shares. Monday

marked the expiry of the man-

LUE Circle, the indus-

Brial group, yesterday launched a multi-mi-

lion-pound damages claim

against the Ministry of De-

fence claiming the Atomic

Weapons Establishment con-

taminated its land with nu-

clear materials and rendered

Blue Circle owns an estate

with offices and a 34-bedroom conference centre next to the

Berkshire, where the Trident

High levels of plutonium

and uranium were allegedly found on the estate after

ponds on the AWE land burst

their banks during a rain-storm in 1989, flooding

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A thousand cubic metres of

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Financial Staff

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Blue Circle land.

date of Lord Wakeham and deal will involve a huge debt-bis French counterpart, Rob-ert Badinter, the arbitrators appointed by the French 28 billion bank borrowings courts to help oversee negoti-ations. Their term of appointment is not being extended.

Expectation that a debt agreement was pending ap-pears to have prompted the Paris Commercial Court to delay making a formal statement about the future of the

Eurotunnel project.
Early yesterday, the president of the court said he expected to make a formal statement later in the day. This led to speculation that the project faced being put into protec-tive administration — the French equivalent of the US system of Chapter 11 protection against creditors used by ailing companies. It emerged last night, however, that the announcement had been held over, probably until today. Sources said news of the

planned announcement had given extra urgency to the talks. One said: 'It looks like increasing difficulty servic-ing the debt.

The talks have been given them to hold off until the failure to reschedule debts by But this is only a short-term last Monday's deadline move and they are going to sions against its exposure to resulted in the suspension of have to come up with a contine company from 30 per cent

MoD sued over atomic

and has halted any sale of the

property and driven away

customers. Antony Edwards-

Stuart, representing the com-pany, told the High Court.
"No prospective purchaser would touch with a barge pole

land which is contaminated to a level which attracted reg-ulatory controls," Mr Ed-wards-Stuart told Mr Justice

Samples from a marsh and lake sediments on Blue Circle

land showed plutonium con-

tamination "hot spots" of up to nearly four times the per-

mitted level, he said.

The MoD did not disclose details of the contamination

until 3% years after the flood

when Blue Circle was closing

the sale of the estate for £10

million. The sale fell through when the purchaser heard about the contamination, said

As well as damages for not

being able to sell the 137-acre

Mr Edwards-Stuart.

nium 1,000 times above nor-mal background levels was excavated from the estate but being able to sell the 137-acre site and for loss of customers, Elue Circle is claiming in-

Carnwath.

plant 'contamination'

being transferred into new shares to be controlled by the banks. Any deal is, however, likely to stop short of giving the banks overall control of the project.

However the deal is structured, the terms are expected to see a sharp fall in Eurotunnel's share price when the suspension is lifted. Shares were frozen on Monday at 115p, near a year's high.

Analysts have repeatedly called for radical financial restructuring to give the company a fighting chance of operating as a commercially vi-able company. Richard Hannah, a long-

term critic of Eurotunnel's investment prospects, at bro-kers UBS, said: There is £1 billion of equity, £9 billion of debt and £480 million of revenue. These numbers are just not compatible."

Despite the prospect of the refinancing agreement, French bank CIC underlined the caution surrounding Eur-The expectation is that any francs (£112 million) lending.

gue that the levels of contami-

mulated low-level radioactive

waste which was washed

down a stream during the

He said the company was

claiming damages under the Nuclear Installations Act

which "Imposes strict liabil-ity for personal injury caused

which escape from a site". Two big customers of the

conference centre represent-ing 60 per cent of the business

there also withdrew when

they heard of the contamina

tion, he argued.
Mr Edwards-Stuart said the
AWE had told the company
that the radioactive levels

were "very low" and "noth-ing very serious". The hearing continues



RICHARD Holland, chief played by former Beatle first half pre-tax profits of executive of music publisher and musical instru
King.

RICHARD Holland, chief played by former Beatle first half pre-tax profits of £2.1 million, a 20.7 per cent improvement. Boosey ment maker Boosey & Hofner is one of the prod-Hawkes, brandishes two acts made by Boosey, which Hofner guitars of the type yesterday announced record Photography

shares leapt 30p to 792%p on

can do.

Tobacco cases fail to damage Imperial's stock market return

MPERIAL Tobacco, the first of the four companies being demerged from con-glomerate Hanson, shrugged off fears over tobacco litigation yesterday to make a confident return to the stock

Trading in Millennium

Chemicals, the second of the four companies being spun off by Hanson, starts tomorrow on the New York stock exchange.

chief executive, said he was encouraged by the performance, but some City analysts said the shares would last week's decision by 40 smokers to file an action against Imperial

is elected would hit Imperial. Scott-Malden, Nyren tobacco analyst at broker BZW, said Imperial shares had started "pretty well", but said the threat of litigation would hang over the shares for some time, even though most tobacco cases are being heard in the US, where Impe-

rial has no exposure. He added: "The case isn't

due to come to court for another two years, over which Gallaher which it is time one would expect to see to overtake this year.

at broker Merrill Lynch, said: "Imperial thinks it has solid defences against such actions. We feel that litigation is unlikely to be a severe threat." Imperial has a 42 per cent share of the UK tobacco mar-

steady news flow, and you only have to look at last

But Jonathan Fell, analyst

ket, making it second only to Gallaher which it is expected

US firms 'knew of nicotine risk'

years to quash lawsuits and regulation and to hide the addictive nature of nicotine, according to a 1964 document by two British researchers for the British come under pressure from the tobacco industry, writes threat of litigation following Mark Tran.

The document, by Sir Philip Rogers and Geoffrey Todd, senior officials with They also pointed out that | the Tobacco Research | panies against the surgeon the Labour Party's decision to ban tobacco advertising if it makers encouraged Ameri- harmful effects of smoking.

knowledge that nicotine was the main ingredient that made people hooked. It quotes American tobacco invest more than 10 per cent executives as saying that in stocks which are not listed nicotine led people to on approved stock exchanges. for at least three months. smoke — a direct contradiction of recent statements by top tobacco officials in con-

Investors wipe 40pc off Peter Young unit trust

Nichard Miles

NE of the three Morgan Grenfell funds under investigation by City watchdogs has fallen in value by some 40 per cent since the abuses of fund manager Peter Young were disclosed four weeks ago. A wave of redemptions has

helped shrink the Europa unit trust — worth £137 million when the three funds were suspended on September 2 — to £84 million, according to a portfolio statement sent to investors yesterday. The statement, signed off by

Graham Kane, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Unit Trust Managers, reveals that the Europa Fund continues to

Mr Young's huge holding of unquoted stocks in Scandinapeaking at 35 per cent in April this year — triggered the internal investigation that led to his dismissal Morgan Grenfell said the

true value of Europa Fund was closer to £98 million, as the £84 million did not include cash holdings. Spokes-man James Murray conceded the decline was partly due to redemptions by nervous investors, but insisted that the fall also reflected market movements The bank has refused to dis-

close redemption levels on the other funds, the European Growth Trust and the European Capital Growth Trust, since its German parent, Deutsche Bank, pledged to buy up any unwanted assets

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'Best-paid man' denies £50m salary Paul Murphy and lan King on the

confusion caused by a US magazine

YSTERY last night completely inaccurate".

He added: "Mr Roditi i an employee of Quantum wealth of Nicholas Roditi, named yesterday as Britis one of several outside ain's best-paid man, who is money managers who assist said to have earned over £50 | in the management of a pormillion last year managing a tion of our various funds. We hedge fund from a tiny office | are a private company and we on London's Hampstead High | do not publish information on

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manage Quantum, the phenomenally successful hedge fund controlled by George According to Nicola Mea-Soros.

However, a spokesman for Mr Soros — who topped the survey - immediately disputed the figure, describing it as "wide of the mark and

He added: "Mr Roditi is not the earnings of our employees Mr Roditi was placed ninth or the earnings of our exter-

money-makers by specialist | Despite the mystery, there

den, of hedge fund industry experts Tass Management, it

is normal for a hedge fund manager to pick up about 20 per cent of any profits pro-duced by their investment. Mrs Meaden said Mr Roditi's funds had performed very strongly, producing a return of 160 per cent in 1995, due

mainly to large positions taken in the US dollar. Mrs Meaden said Mr Roditi's fund, which is now worth approximately \$1.5 billion (£1 billion), was known in the business for taking "highly opportunistic" positions.

Mr Roditi, who comes from

market. Shares in Imperial — which was bought by Hanson for £2.5 billion in 1986 — closed at 392½p against their 375p issue price, valuing the company at just over £2 billion.

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In Washington

HE Chancelior, Ken-neth Clarke, yesterday declared that the boom and bust cycle of the British economy had finally been broken by the imposition of a flexible, deregulated iobs market.

Addressing a joint session of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, Mr Clarke said the economy could now keep growing for several years, allowing the dole queue to shrink further. without igniting inflation.

He contrasted the falls in unemployment, stable trade deficit and subdued wage demands with the disastrons state of the economy two de-cades ago, when Dennis Healey was forced to go cap-in-hand to the IMF for a loan to bail out the government's

"This ironic anniversary is the best evidence of the scale of the British economy over the last two decades," be said.

Trainspotting have been

among recent occupants of

the land, performing a con-

new movie, Hot Dogs,

"Our agenda of privatisation, deregulation and labour market reform has made the UK economy more responsive to changes in labour market conditions and less inflation-prone," he said. 'This has allowed us to keep interest rates close to their lowest level for 25 years."

Singling out the reduction of trade union powers as a key ingredient in ridding Britain of the inflationary "disease" which brought recoveries to a halt, Mr Clarke said British firms were now less likely to give in to "excessive demands" from their employees. Twenty years ago . . . wage

increases were negotiated between the Chancellor and union leaders over beer and sandwiches. It may sound civilised, but in fact it was a form of unarmed combat," he

"Employees were always deceived by the big money increases that industrial mili- ment can make progress tancy appeared to give them. | towards its tax-cutting

inflation will spring out of its box but when."
With Mr Clarke in the final

stages of the public spending round, he held out the hope of a slow-burn recovery so long as the Government resisted the temptation to cut taxes in an attempt to secure re-

election.
The Chancellor told assem bled finance ministers and central bankers; "If I can keep the lid on inflation, if I can keep public borrowing coming down, and if I can keep reforming the British economy and making it more flexible, then I am confident the British economy can go from strength to greater strength."
With the Government bank.

ing on buoyant consumption rising house prices and an easing of job insecurity to erode Labour's lead in the opinion polls, Mr Clarke said the UK was well-placed to benefit from an upswing in

In order to maintain the momentum of international the multinational institutions must push ahead for freer cross-border trade. The vision of global free trade is in all our interests, developed and developing countries alike," he said.

Mr Clarke wants to portray Labour as the only serious threat to the UK's sustained economic recovery, and stresses the need for the Conservatives to attempt to economic integrity.
"With continued good eco-

nomic management, this recovery could be the healthiest, the strongest and the longest ever enjoyed by the British people," he said.

Hinting at a cautious bud-get next month, Mr Clarke said: "My overriding aim when I set the British budget will be to get government borrowing down to a sustainable level. That is the background against which I will judge whether or not the Govern-It was not a matter of whether | agenda."....



Clarke . . . 'Boom-and-bust cycle of British economy broken'

Factory boom as consumers buy

SARAH RYLE on the rise in new orders for capital goods as high streets revive

OPES that the high-street driven eco-nomic recovery is finally benefiting the fac-tory sector were fuelled yesterday as it emerged that manufacturers of capital goods have reported a rise in new orders for the first time in more than a

According to the Chartered Institute of Purchasing Supply's snapshot of manufacturing activity in September, buoyant con-sumer spending has fil-tered through to invest-ment goods, as factory bosses begge bosses began to meet stronger demand with new production.

Although manufacturers of consumer goods continue to experience much fuller order books, the latest figures suggested that the two-tier factory recovery could become a more broadly based

CIPS director general. Peter Thomson, said: "I am encouraged that, at last, the buoyancy enjoyed by consumer goods industries is filtering through to recovery, however, appears to be the continued weakness in European The survey's overall

measure of manufacturing activity registered the fourth rise above 50 percent (which indicates expansion) in a row, taking the index to 53.4 which was the highest level since April last year. April last year.

Slow growth in demand from markets in Europe and the rest of the world, especially for commodities below to be a second to be ities, helped to keep prices competitive, the survey howed Manufacturers contin-

ned to cut prices last month, although discount-ing was less furious than in previous months, suggesting inflationary pressure from the sector is benign.

Chancellor Kenneth Clarke, who is known to watch the PMI closely as a guide to the "real" economy, would feel no pressure to move on interest rates as a result of these figures, especially as input prices to manufacturers continued to fall, City analysts said.

They dampened down hopes, however, that bosses in the factory sector would respond to increased orders and continuing low price pressures by hiring more staff.

all other areas of UK man-ufacturing. The main check on fully fledged productivity. The survey suggested that employers may shed



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Chris Hawkins

AZZLE dealt her 1,000 Guineas sup-porters a nasty blow when losing her un-beaten record in spectacular style in the Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes at New-

market yesterday.

Totally failing to reproduce her midsummer form, she finished no nearer than fourth behind Pas de Reponse, the French-trained filty who gave Criquette Head a third win in the race following Ma Biche and Ravinella — both of whom went on to win the Guineas.

The post-mortems into Daz-zle's disappointing effort began immediately and it is fair to say connections were

not over-enamoured with the ride Keiren Fallon gave her. Both Michael Stoute, the trainer, and Chris Richard-son, racing manager to Cheveley Park stud, the owners, thought Dazzle was given plenty to do after being dropped out in the rear for the first three furlones. "Maybe she wasn't at her

best but she was stranded at the back. I would have wanted her to be closer than that," said Stoute before turning rather abruptly on his

Richardson commented: "It was a tall order expecting her to come from there in a slowly-run race."

Pas de Reponse was another winner for the "old firm". The Head family has a formidable record with the slowly-run race."

In fact the time was not that slow, just 0.16 seconds over the six furlongs course standard, and Fallon made the excuse that Dazzle didn't handle

'It's best to be running into the dip rather than stretching but when I pulled her out she didn't quicken as she can." said Fallon. "It's a long season and and fillies go off, you know."

A long season it may be but Dazzle has not had a hard campaign. This was only her third race and the first for 84 third race and the first for 84 days since she slammed Ocean Ridge by five lengths in the Cherry Hinton Stakes.

This time she finished half a length behind Ocean Ridge, a small filly who could not be said to have made startling physical progress since July physical progress since July.
This would seem to negate
any argument that Dazzle was

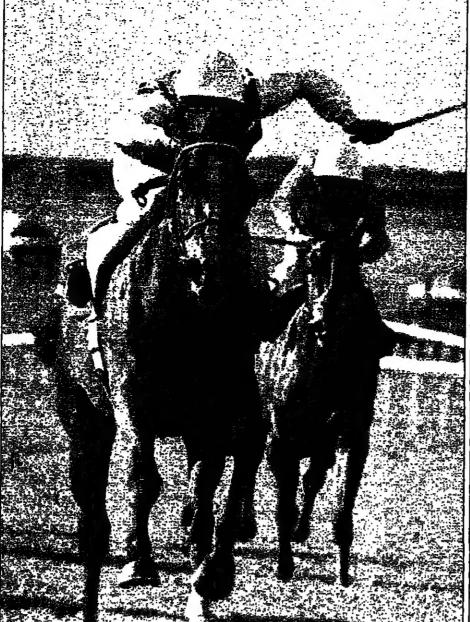
a mature filly early on and that she has been caught up by her rivals. All the indications are that

she is better than this but once again the result empha-sises the folly of taking ante-post prices months in The bookmakers all revamped their lists, with

Sleepytime the new favourite at prices varying between 11-4 with Hills, 7-2 with Ladbrokes and 4-1 with Coral. Dazzle was pushed out to a top-priced 12-1 with Coral,

while Pas de Reponse is a best priced 14-1 with the same

Newmarket raiders and Criquette has never saddled a loser in this particular



At the head . . . Pas de Reponse wins the Cheveley Park Stakes

home just over a furlong out.

Pas de Reponse was going a Mr Prospector mare, alwell when hitting the front but had to pushed out to hold

Tune stayed a mile well likes to see plenty of daylight but relaxes well in her races."

Pas de Reponse thus took her record to three out of four,

Moonlight Paradise, the pick enough to win the French

her only defeat coming when Freddie, her brother, always had this filly promiter is plenty of speed in nently placed and he went for the pedigree of Pas de Research is the process.

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APUA, trained by the in-form Ian Bald-ing, picked up a £100,000 bonus when winning the Tattersalls Houghton Sales Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. He continued the successful run

of owner Robert Hitchins

whose Tagula won at Good-wood last week, writes

bonus

Chris Hawkins.
"I haven't finished yet," said Hitchins, a retired builder who resides in Guernsey. "Pve got two lovely jumpers with Jenny Pitman in Wrekengale and Arithmetic and I wouldn't be surprised if they won on Saturday."

Abou Zouz was sent off a hot favourite in this 23-runner race, but finished fourth with Frankie Dettori telling trainer David Loder that the colt did not get the

seven furlangs trip.
Classic Cliche remains
Dettori's likely mount in
the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe after yesterday's first forfelt stage in which the Ascot Gold Cup winner remained one of 29 left in

Sunday's big race. Speaking at Newmarket, Godolphin racing manager Simon Crisford said: "Classic Cliche cantered this morning and was bright. He is scheduled to do some more work before we make

up our minds."
The going at Longchamp
was described as heavy yesterday after rain on Mon day night.

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Riddle of Ravanelli

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he wants to stay at Middles

brough." Paladini added that

neither he nor Ravanelli had been approached directly.

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But Ravanelli, speaking

from the lialy feam training camp at Coverciano, near

Florence, where he is prepar ing for their opening World

happens when I go back to England and when the Mid-

dlesbrough directors and

team return from a tour

Boro's chairman Steve Gib-

Lamb were unavailable for

comment last night but, hav-ing backed Bryan Robson in his campaign to turn the club

Hodgson begins to feel the heat at Inter

Paddy Agnew on the Englishman abroad and needing to show he is no soft touch

HE season may only be a month old and his team still undefeated, but for Internazionale's coach Roy Hodgson the storm clouds are gathering. Given Inter's league standing, in third place two points behind Juventus and one behind their arch-rivals Milan, and the fact that they are still in the Uefa and Italian cups, you might expect the English-man to be sitting pretty.

Such an analysis, however, fails to take account of the peculiar demands of the Inter piazza. One of the elite clubs that start every season with title preter sions, they are more ambi-tions than ever this time. And a decade in the shado of Milan has done nothing for their peace of mind.

Milan have arguably been the best club side in the world for 10 years, during which Inter have won only the 1989 league title and the 1991 and 1994 Uefa Cups.

provement under Hodgson spending-spree raised expectations, and seasonall-time high. So Inter ex-pect and Hodgson must deliver, not only results but ctacular results and the Serie A title.

So far they have been unimpressive and the club's owner, the petrol millionaire Massimo Moratti, is concerned. After seeing them take things rather too easy, in last week's Uefa Cup second-leg home draw with the modest French side Guingamp for a 4-1 agthe players. "I'm most disappointed. This is not the way to do things ... These more respect both for the fans and the game itself." On Sunday Moratti had further cause for annovance, a 1-1 draw at Atalanta in which Inter conceded the equaliser in the 86th minute. "This was a

New headache for Maine Road board

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As is increasingly the case

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For the time being the Inter owner has directed his public ire at the players, praising Hodgson wherever possible. But there is speculation that he believes it is time the coach took a heavier line with his

Dello Sport, the Milan sports daily, commented: "It's up to him [Hodgson] to sort things out . . . the club expects him to be a bit more of a sergeant-major with the players."

Such comment from the Gazzetta is nothing new.

weeks a sky-blue story sud-

Guterman had obviously

a full Manchester City board

meeting yesterday afternoon

their managing director Colin Barlow said: "By law we must

have evidence of who the

backers are, where the money

is coming from and that it is in place. We have asked for

that evidence and cannot pro-

ful that the evidence would arrive soon. This is particu-

Barlow did not sound hope

denly clouded over.

Even before the season began, it wrote: "A prob-lem does exist and he [Hodgson] is the problem. Will he prove capable of leading the potentially great side created for him by president Moratti? Will Yesterday's Gazzetta chantments without losing

Not everyone, however, is willing to pick on Hodgson former Inter and Italy de-fender Giacinto Facchetti, his right-hand man at the club, said: "We've made a lot of changes and of all the big-name clubs we're the one with most room for improvement . . . but you need

Inter rang the change lion campaign which brought in the Dutch midexternal pressures and inevitable internal disen-evitable internal disen-internal disen-loma, the Chilean striker Swiss midfielder Ciriaco

Sforza. Speaking before the season started, Hodgson ac-knowledged that his big-gest difficulty would be blending so many varied talents. "The job of coach-

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE Second Divisions Abaravon 21, Llandovary 3, Blackwood 7, UWIC 15, Maseleg 7, Bon-maen 11; Pontypool 19, Aberillary 8; S Wales Police 7, Cross Keys 22; Ystradgo-

TOUR MATCH (Auckland): New Zealand 24. Papus New Guines 22.

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to take a bunch of individuals and make them into a and now, like all football coaches, I need results if I'm going to be successful."

For now Hodgson's job is safe. Sources say that he will keep it until the end of the season; however, that has not stopped other commentators from speculating that the national coach Arrigo Sacchi, Argentina's Daniel Passarella or Fabio Capello of Real Madrid might succeed Hodgson in the near future. The storm

clouds are just over the horizon.

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and suggested they are well equipped to stay there. The dog days of Robert Chase's chairmanship of Norwich, when every promising player was immediately sold, could not seem more distant. But Walker's revival is based upon sound husbandry. he has sold a top striker, Sheron, and bought nobody, but in-

Norwich's first-half perfor-

they would not still be here. who I know is a great leader."

Steve Burtenshaw yester-day completed the ex-High-

bury triumvirate at Queens Park Rangers when he took over as chief scout under the new manager Stewart Houston and No. 2 Bruce Rioch.

players must be strong be Mark Draper, the Aston to the Corcause if they were not by now Villa midfielder sent off in the matches.

Nick Barmby.
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Cup qualifier away to Mol-dova on Saturday, insisted United were interested in Ravanelli went on to son and chief executive Keith

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Bolton set to pay Chelsea £1.5m for striker Hughes

Michael Walker

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record signing Fabri-zio Ravanelli last night when

reports emerged from Italy that Manchester United had

lodged a £10 million bid for

The Italian striker, who cost Middlesbrough 57 mil-

lion when he joined the River

side revolution from Juven-tus weeks after helping them

lift the European Cup, was said to have confirmed that United wished to sign him in

£20 million. Though he spoke at length about the poss.

of moving to Old Trafford

this was categorically denied both by Manchester United

and by his own agent, Gianni

The United chairman Mar-

tin Edwards said: "It's not

something I have any knowl-

edge of It's simply not true. I

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rounded the future

OLTON WANDERERS want Mark Hughes. The ambitious First Division club, 27.5 million richer after selling Sasa Cur-cic to Aston Villa and Alan Stubbs to Celtic, are confident they can attract the Welsh international striker back to

Although Hughes will be 33 next month, Bolton's manager Colin Todd would be willing to pay £1.5 million for him, the same amount Chel-sea paid Manchester United in June 1985.

Arsène: Wenger officially started work as Arsenal's

manager vesterday on a three-year contract worth extremely fit and strong. It is about £2 million.

"Over the next few days I will be talking to the players on an individual basis but nobody need fear coming to see me," said the 47-year-old Frenchman. "I do not want to lose the many strengths Arsenal already have. The



is not like a normal 23; he is

castle on Monday, will not be fined by his manager. "I did not feel there was anything malicious," said Brian Little. "They were just unfortunate incidents which tend to be Steve Parkin, the 30-ye old former Stoke and WBA

the youngest manager in the league when he took over at Mansfield Town in the Third

Hartlepool's player-man ager Keith Houchen, who scored for Coventry in their ing on the advice of a special-ist. "I have done everything I

seminar this weekend, will be away on club business in-stead. The Sheffield Wednesday manager, boosted by his chairman David Richards's promise of £5 million to spend on new players, is travelling

First Division: Portsmouth 2, Crystal Palace 2

Bradbury quick on draw

Pat Symes

ORTSMOUTH's Lee Bradbury scored the first senior goal of his career with four minutes

remaining to halt Crystal Palace's surge towards the top of the table last night. Dave Bassett's team arrived at Fratton Park with a record of five successive wins but Portsmouth, whose own form has been poor, provided lively and hardworking opposition. The Scotland manager Craig Brown had made the

long journey to the south coast to monitor the progress of Dougie Freedman, the Palace striker who, like his teammates, has been in irresistible scoring form. But despite Freedman getting a header on target inside 30 seconds, the rest of the first half belonged to Portsmouth.

The absent director of football Terry Venables would have approved of Portsmouth's bright approachwork if not their finishing,

Hall wasting clear openings and Bradbury, an ex-soldier, betrayed his inexperience with two glaring errors with only Nash to beat.

Their wastefulness was compounded when Palace showed the stroke of ruthless tess in front of goal which has destroyed recent opposi-tion. Hopkin's shot was beaten out by Flahavan and Freedman's low cross was turned in by Veart at the far post in the 28th minute.

Palace were transformed. From the tentative outfit that had struggled to settle, they threatened to over run Pom-pey. Freedman hit the bar, Flahavan had to make a superb reflex-save from Dyer but then, when further goals seemed inevitable, Portsmouth equalised. In the 43rd minute Carter's

pace took him clear down the right and Paul Hall ran in his cross at the near post to leave the small crowd to reflect on a rare moment of excitement.
Portsmouth may have lost

with Turner, Simpson and | at Oxford on Saturday while Palace were seeing of Southend 6-1, but Pompey showed scant respect for the visitors' recent reputation and Nash needed to spread himself at Bradbury's feet to prevent a second in the 52rd minute. But while Palace had mo-

ments of defensive frailty they attacked in numbers and with menace; only a minu later Veart was deprived of his second of the night when he bit the bar from 10 yards. Palace were not to be denied, however, and in the 63rd minute Dyer broke from half-

way to set up an easy chance for the resourceful Freedman. Flahavan made two more saves from Freedman as Pal-ace attempted to build on their lead but with time running out the unmarked Brad-bury headed an equaliser-

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Grimsby Town 1, Norwich City 4

Eadie does it for Norwich

David Hopps ORWICH CITY and

had won their previous three goal just before the half hour, away games without conced. Fleck's left-wing cross finishaway games without conced-ing a goal but such controlled methods were abandoned in a frenzied opening eight minutes in which they went 2-1 up against bewildered

opponents.

was swift and decisive. Grimsby had temporarily Grimsby's prospects of

when Childs, who had just been booked for fouling Radie, again collided with the same Grimsby bolstered their defence after the interval by

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fore their next fixture. Guterman was left deciding Chester's game and doubtless face hostile questions about Monday.

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Rugby Union CLUB MATCHES: Life Insh v Oxfort Un

Mike Walker is clearly a marriage made in heaven. The silver hair is now as white as the Dulux dog but his return to East Anglia has put fresh gloss on a faltering managerial career. Last night's exhilarating display at Blundell Park put Norwich top of the First Division

 A back many has forced the womon's squash world his 9 Jane Martin out of the England squad for the world champion-ships in Moleyta tater mount.

Her place is taken by the England No. 5 Linds Charman, who joins Suzanne Morner Cavele Jackeran and Suc Wright in the squad, seeded Lr. a final against the internal states. spired those who remain.

Darren Eadie, in scintillating form down the left of Norwich's attack, scored both His first, after two minutes was tapped in after he had eluded Fickling and the goalkeeper Pearcey. The second, six minutes later, will dissuade Pearcey from ambi-tions as a ball-playing goal-keeper. Jobling's back-pass drew the goalkeeper into in-discretions and Eadle's tackle

stemmed the flow, equalising through Fickling's stooping header from Childs's corner. But Norwich were a class

ing in the net as Johnson challenged Jobling recovery seemed scuppered

player and was dismissed. withdrawing Livingstone from his striker's role and, with Eadie substituted by Norwich, it was O'Neill's harging runs down the left which most threatened and he drove in the fourth 10 minutes from time.

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HE long-awaited appeal decision on the battle for

the game in Australia is expected to be revealed on Friday. If the result goes the way

of Super League, Great Britain may play a match against Australia on their current South Seas tour after all.

The rugby league world will be holding its breath when the appeal court in

Sydney hands down its ver-dict. The Super League lost its original court case against the Australian Rugby League,

neaning that the media mag-

nate Rupert Murdoch's organisation could not get

The Rugby Football League's chief executive Maurice Lindsay said: "We are all hopeful that the judgment will help to

clear matters and restore full international competition. If

the judgment allows, we will attempt to make immediate

arrangements for Great Brit-

ain to play at least one addi-tional match on tour against

Australia."
As chairman of the Interna-

tional Board, he added: "I am

desperate to see a positive solu-tion to the recent difficulties."

hopes of recruiting Paul New-love as a replacement for Jon-

athan Roper, the young War-rington centre, for the three-Test series against New

Zealand have been dashed by further injury to the St Helens centre. Newlove, who originally pulled out of the tour with hamstring and foot injuries, underwent a knee

operation yesterday.

coach Phil Larder.

The most obvious replacement to augment a back line

described by Larder as "skimpy" would be Salford's Nathan McAvoy, who is head-ing for New Zealand as cap-

tain of Great Britain's under-

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Wasps irate at apathy of Welsh clubs

Robert Armstrong

ASPS have de-manded up to £15,000 compensa-tion and called for an immediate meeting of English and Welsh clubs to seek guarantees on the new Anglo-Weish competition after Neath pulled out of tonight's game due to be played at Sud-bury. Sale's visit to Cardiff and Leicester's home game against Bridgend, both sched-uled for tonight, have also been postponed at the request of the Welsh.

Neath, the Welsh champions, told Wasps they were unable to select a viable front row because of injuries and call-ups to the Wales squad for Saturday's international in Italy. Their prop John Davies, hooker Barry Wil-liams and No. 8 Steve Williams are all on Wales

Yesterday Geoff Huckstey.
Wasps' chief executive, said
he would be sending a letter
outlining "the direct costs and hidden costs" entailed in cancelling the fixture less than 36 hours before the kickoff. Wasps had spent "a sub-stantial sum" on refurbishing floodlights, printing match programmes and engaging staff for the evening: they would lose revenue from an expected 2,000–3,000 gate as well as their match sponsor-

well as their match sponsor-ship by NCR.
"It's reasonable to expect a club of Neath's standing to have a squad of around 40 players to allow for injury problems," said Huckstep.
"We need an urgent meeting
with the Welsh clubs to establish that they are committed to the Anglo-Welsh Cup and prepared to put out their strongest available teams. I believe the concept is very good but it needs to be backed up by firm undertakings."

Wasps' desire to establish the Anglo-Welsh competition on a solid footing reflects growing concern among English clubs over the seem ing laissez-faire attitude of the Welsh, who had been demanding cross-berder fixtures for

and Bath at Stradey Park, Welsh clubs had won only one out of 10 Anglo-Welsh fixtures, Bridgend beating Wasps last month. For the most part English clubs have triumphed with plenty to

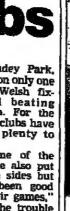
English clubs have also put out below-strength sides but at least they've been good

This season Wasps have also invested heavily in portable grandstands for half a dozen matches at Sudbury, including three Anglo-Welsh fixtures, with an outlay of £30,000 on 1,200 extra seats.

have an unusually crowded programme of fixtures to get

former Bath lock Andy Reed. who was poised to make his debut for Wasps after a lengthy lay-off through injury. "Andy was hoping to use this game as a platform from which to launch his challenge for a regular first-team place; now he may have to wait some time for a regular to wait some time for a regular to the first team." to wait some time for another opportunity," said Huckstep. "Our full-back Jon Ufton, who is also back after injury, wanted to play in a first-class game in order to make progress in the squad. Some of the players selected are on match fees only and would be

relying on that income. many years. Before last Halifax after seven years as a night's game between Llanelli rugby league professional.



"Admittedly some of the

enough to win their games," said Huckstep. "The trouble is that the Weish are fielding younger players who are sim-ply not ready for that level of competition. As a conseluence we have seen some fairly lopsided scorelines."

"Neath have offered to ome here on an alternative late but it's hard to see where we can fit the game in, with European Cup and Courage league matches in the pipe-line," said Huckstep. "We

The postponement has

Harlequins' Robbie Paul, chosen at centre for tonight's game in Swansea, is the only survivor from last Saturday's Isague victory at Northamp-ton. Paul Moriarty, the for-mer Wales international forward, will play his first game of the season for Swanses since returning home from



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Moore the merrier among the pros

Paul Morgan finds Pit-bull enjoying life with the fitness freaks and fat cats at Richmond, playing on borrowed time and no pay

take the field against Moseley on Saturday one of their team will be there purely for love of the game. Ironically he was at the forefront of the move into professionalism. Brian Moore, Pit-bull and Lion, is playing on for fun.

In Saturday's Battle of the Bank Accounts against Newcastle, drawn 20–20, he was the only amateur in a match that featured 17 in-ternationals. While the

and Orrell over Franc Botics was finally resolved before the Welsh

club's match against Bath last night. The two clubs thrashed out a compensation package, which includes a friendly fix-ture to be played at Orrell this season, to enable the former

All Black to compete in the Anglo-Welsh Cup at Stradey Park.

The 33-year-old signed for the Super League club Castle-

ford a year ago and last March agreed a two-year deal to play for Orrell in the win-

ter. But, after only four matches for the Lancashire club, Llanelli came to an

agreement with Castleford to take over his contract.

once so useful in helping to broker deals for his England team-mates, now pre-vents him from devoting

his life to rugby. In the close season he considered joining Bedford before settling with a Richmond side looking for an but I knew I couldn't fulfil "old head" to bind their young pack together. "I was ground at certain times. I

mission to register him until the dispute was settled, and although he was selected for

both clubs he was not allowed

to play for either. Llanelli's chairman Stuart Gallacher said yesterday: "I'm delighted that the matter

has been resolved. Frano will

play tonight."
Meanwhile, cooperation between union and league clubs took another step forward when Sheffield Eagles seconded Adrian Bentley, one of their executives to assist in

of their executives, to assist in the marketing of the Courage League Two club Nottingham. Sheffield, who recently an-

nounced plans to play their home fixtures at Sheffield Un-ited's Bramall Lane, see Not-

HEN Richmond other 29 are enjoying the take the field against Moseley on Saturday one Levett or Sir John Hall, says Moore, now 33, who made his England debut more than nine years ago. "In terms of fitness

don't feel particularly dif-ferent from the pros. I was training harder than most people before and I still train four times a week. "I looked at the contracts

Clubs agree on a compensation package over the former All Black at the insistence of the Welsh Rugby Union

Bryan Ford said: "Although discussions are at a very early stage the two clubs

agree they have much to offer each other. Our aim is to en-sure first-class rugby union continues to be played in Not-

tingham and we are excited by the opportunities we may be able to develop with Shef-

The talks have been put on

hold because the Eagles' chief executive Gary Hetherington, who founded the club in 1984,

is on the Great Britain rugby league tour to Fiji and New Zealand.

The France centre Richard

Dourthe, at the centre of alle-

last week's victory over Wales, seems likely to go into

international exile until he

cleans up his act. France's

field Ragles.

the perfect club to play for: it is nice to be part of such an ambitious club." Moore, who left Harle-quins last season, believes

he will be one of the last to play at the top in England as an amateur, not that Richmond are quite there yet. "I think this may be the last season when an amateur can survive in top-class rugby. It just won't be possible to keep up with the pace as the training

Nottingham's chairman manager Jo Maso is angry Dourthe, who has to make syan Ford said: "Although with Dourthe for again step ping out of line and is pre- touring [in late November]

pared to leave him out for as

ong as necessary.

promotion work or with schools but only when I England caps and two Lions have time. Richmond was tours. "It's not that they don't have the talent but it is a question of concentrating for 80 minutes." Richmond, who signed 26

> accommodated some on semi-professional terms. Last year's captain Mike Hutton is working around 28 hours a week this season as a doctor at Kingston General Hospital. He has been impressed with Moore's commitment. "He's a great team member and bean a

Roper injured a knee in the tour opener in Papua New Guinea last Wednesday. He has shown signs of a quick recovery and will be given until the end of the week beplayers in the summer, have fore a decision is made. "But it looks as if he would not be available for three or four weeks, and that would put him out of the tour," said the

regimes filter through."
For the moment, though, he believes he can bring a most of him. Moore reckons very apprehensive when I am happy to get involved in great deal to Richmond "two seasons is realistic".

and early December] and the

team spirit must be radically

19 Academy squad. But Larder is loth to deprive him of the latter opportunity. The Workington prop Row-land Phillips is definitely out of Saturday's Test against Fiji after an infected cyst on his face was drained and removed yesterday. The Lions tackle a Fijian Presi-dent's XIII at Lautoka this morning under a new cap-Botica for Llanelli as Orrell accept recompense

tain, James Lowes, seeking their third win out of three. Warrington completed a hat-trick of signings from Auckland Warriors with the we did not take any sanotions and the Weish union did not ask us to. We shall solve the problem internally," he said.

"We shall be extremely firm with a boy like Richard in Paris.

"We did not take any sanotions different."

Last season Dourthe was suspended for 30 days for kicking the England No.8 Ben Clarke during the Five Nations Championship match in Paris.

Auckland Warriors with the utility back Nigel Vagana and forward Tony Tatupu following the prop Dallas Mead Wire also completed the signing of Martin Dermott, the Signing of Martin Dermott, the Care of th

Sport in brief

Woodbridge falls to resurgent Rusedski

GREG RUSEDSKI yesterday scored one of the best victories of his termis career when he trounced Australia's Todd Wood-bridge, ranked 34 and fifth seed in the tournament, 6–3, 6–1 in the first round of the Heineken Open in Singapore. Possibly the left-handed British No. 2 was stung by his latest world ranking

of 84, his lowest mark this year.
Essex's Sam Smith, 24, is certain to rise from No. 3 to top of the British women's rankings and improve her international ranking of 214 when the Women's Tennis Association publishes its next world list on Monday. Last week she reached the semi-finals of the Limoges Challenger, and yesterday she recovered from 2-5 in the second set to beat Sweden's Asa Carleson, ranked 46, 6-2, 7-6 in the first round of the Sparkassen Cup in Leipzig.

Jumping the Channel

The British Olympic show jumpers Nick Skelton, John Whitaker and Geoff Billington plan to commute between the Horse of the Year Show, which opens its five day run at Wembley today, and the German Classic in Bremen which starts on Friday, writes John Kerr. Last year Skelton returned from Germany to win the Grand Prix on Wembley's final night.

Martin misses big chance Jane Martin, the 24-year-old squash player from Newcastle who beat Australia's Liz Irving at the British Open in April, has back trouble and has had to withdraw from both the Perrier World Open and the world team event in Kuala Lumpur on October 14-19. The world No. 9 had hoped to make her first world champing the product of the Perrier world champing the 19-19. The world No. 9 had noped to make her first world champy onship appearance for England but the opportunity of an England debut goes instead to Linda Charman, the British national run-ner-up. She joins Suzame Horner of Yorkshire, Cassie Jackman of Norfolk and Sue Wright from Kent in a squad seeded to reach the final against the holders Australia.

Wigan chairman goes for trial The trial of Wigan's Jack Robinson was set for March 10 yester-He is not wright league club chairman pleaded not guilty at Bolton Crown Court to attempting to pervert the course of justice. The charge relates to an alleged begins transfer deal in February and March this year. He also demied inciting Leeds's chief executive Alfred Davies to write false inters to Wigan with the intention of misleading the Wigan Observer newspaper.

Young Lyle goes to the Devils

Cardiff Devils have re-signed their netminder Stevie Lyle, who had also interested Basingstoke and Manchester's ice hockey clubs, writes Vic Batchelder. The 16-year-old returned last week from the Detroit Whalers' pre-season training camp.

Cowboys back on the trail

After their poor start to the American football season the Dallas Cowboys regained some of their Superbowl-winning form with a 23-19 win over the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC East division, their second win in five games. The Eagles' quarterback Rodney Peete suffered a torn patella tendon in his right knee after catching his cleats in the turf and may miss the rest of the season.

Polgar in England's way

After beating Israel 21/2-11/2 at the Erevan chess Olympiad, England's men were in contention for bronze in last night's final round against Judit Polgar and the talented young Hungarians. twites Legiture Burden. Matthew Sadler, with 10¹² points out of 13, had good chances of an individual medal. Russia were sure of the gold, Garry Kasparov scoring the winning point as they beat the United States. England's women dropped out of medal contention

The goal-kicking fly-half tingham as part of their was left in limbo at the weekend when the Welsh Rugby to develop a presence there.

Rooney wins

Boxing

second round

IKE TYSON was today pondering whether to appeal against the award of \$4.1 million (more than £2.6 million) by a New York jury to his former trainer Kevin Rooney. Tyson dismissed Rooney in 1988 for comments the trainer made on television about Tyson's then wife

Robin Givens.
Tyson later lost his world heavyweight titles to Buster Douglas, went to prison for rape, served his sentence and won back the WBA title, and Rooney has waited until now to claim compensation.

He claimed that Tyson's late mentor Cus D'Amato had verbally promised him a life-time job and a guaranteed 10 per cent of Tyson's winnings. Tyson is estimated to have earned \$490 million in the earned \$490 million in the ring, so Rooney sued for \$49 million of it. "I never expected 49 million," he said, "but I'm happy enough. You can't take blood from a

• Naseem Hamed, the WBO eatherweight champion from Sheffield, yesterday received the British Boxing Board of Control's award of Boxer of the Year at a lunch in London. Tomorrow he will visit the Prime Minister John Major at 10 Downing Street. Hamed's next title defence is

THE row between Llanelli | Union refused Llanelli per-

Two steal march

Bob Fisher Simon WALKER and the crew of Toshiba Wave Warrior continue to lead the BT Global Challenge

fleet after two days at sea, but only just. They were one mile shead of Chris Tibbs's Con-cert yesterday afternoon, half-way across the Bay of Biscay. All the crews were again working the boats after the gale-force headwinds, which made many seasick, abated and the wind veered into the north-west. The 14 boats were broad-reaching, some with spirmakers but most with big headsails as the wind backed

in the morning. Concert reported a 22-knot breeze. Tibbs said: "Toshiba seen just in front for the last 12 pic Games in Sydney.

hours. Frustrating day yester-day with no wind. Now through Ushant channel and tanking along nicely in the sunshine." Both Concert and Wave Warrior went "inside" at Ushant whereas the rest were forced to seaward of the island, accounting for the 10mile lead the two established.

of Time & Tide at the rear of the fleet, cold porridge was unacceptable to the deck watch. She also reported that some lifejackets had inadvertently inflated. The Julian Bethwaite-de-

signed 49er, an extremely pow-erful skiff, has been recom-mended to the International Sailing Federation's council as a new class for the 2000 Olym-

Cricket

Rupees and red tape for Lara

dismissal when he flew into Bombay from Johannesburg to pick up yet another Nynex Arena on November 9. (£9,000), at the weekend.

known face as he had neglected to obtain a visa. Even when Bombay cricket Cricketer of the Year officials called in the inteagainst Argentina's Remigio award, plus a sponsor's rior ministry brass. Lara Molina at Manchester's cheque for 500,000 rupees still had to deposit his passport with immigration.

Food was the only real problem for the disabled crew

BRIAN LARA had to Indian immigration authorities refused entry to bouncers and faced instant the modern game's best-



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Goldstone faces more games behind closed doors after angry fans once again stopped play last night



Report by Peter Nichols

Onauthorised entry \dots police and stewards move to restore order after 150 fans occupied the centre chrole last night at the Goldstone Ground

Pitch invasion caps Brighton misery

hind closed doors and having three ers invaded the pitch during last night's Third Division game against Lincoln at the Goldstone Ground. Play was halted for 12 minutes in the

Brighton have a Football Association sentence hanging over them after fans rioted and caused the abandonment of a game against York at the end of last season. That sentence could now come into efnett was forced to take the

pated as fans were angry at the breakdown of talks be-tween the club chairman Bill Archer and the consortium headed by Dick Knight want-ing to take over the club. But appeals to stay calm went unheeded. There was already a return to the North Stand.
volatile atmosphere, with Shortly after the players constant crys of "Archer out" before matters spilled over in the 25th minute after Gareth Ainsworth had given Lincoln

a 25th-minute lead. That was the signal for around 50 Brighton support-ers from the North Stand to invade the pitch and the ref-

or so supporters from other sections of the ground then spilled on to the pitch and the entire group eventually con-gregated in the centre circle before leaving an bloc to

pitch the Brighton defender Peter Smith brought the first cheer of the night for the home side with a 35th-minute equaliser.

brief and bloodless by Goldstone standards. There was

only one arrest. But the dam- | nected to the Kingfisher not there to witness the protest. If his DIY stores sell welcome mata, there will not be a run on stock from Brighton supporters. In a club, indeed a town, of disparate interests he has achieved the singular distinction of giving his club supporters an absolute unity

of purpose: to get rid of him.

Archer bought into Brighton and Hove Albion for \$56.25 and, through dealings that might be described as Byzantine, sold the ground to

Set by Pasquale

had employed a little PR during his tortuous dealings. Talking to the supporters would have been a start. Nobody in this seaside town has the faintest idea of his plans and the alienation is intense. Archer has attended only a handful of games. David Bel

Group and with which

Archer is also involved

Chartwell paid £7.4 million, most of which went to pay off

The club now rents the

ground back on a single-year lease which costs \$480,000. At

the end of the season, after 94

years at the Goldstone

ground, Brighton will be

homeless, the ground dug up in June for a retail

Supporters might have been less alienated if Archer

the club's mounting debts.

lotti, the former Liberal MP. has been his front-man and, though he did visit the ground yesterday, he made his excuses and left before the

This particular crisis was precipitated by Monday's meeting at the Park Court Hotel in London, where the FA attempted to arbitrate be-

tween Archer's group and the Knight consortium. Liz Costa, vice-chairman of the Brighton and Hove Albion

Supporters' club, was one of many who predicted the worst for last night's match. "It will make York City look like a Christmas party; there's going to be bedlam." In that match last April almost 3,000 speciators spilled on to the pitch to demonstrate against the board. For the players in last night's game, the protest seemed to lift a weight from their shoulders. While supporters might have been roused by events off the field, it was very hard to be roused by what was happening on it. Lincoln performance against Manchester City in the Coca-Cola Cup eviworth. A mid-table Third Division club, they looked barely that. Brighton were their equal in all departments— lax passing, poor covering and goal attempts that were likely to end in the stand or straight over it, rather than

Never a good time to take the Mickey



Jim White

it is no surprise that they spend as much time in pubs assembling their care team as they do their Fantasy XL Picking the worst squad you can think of is to draw pleasure from those who have inflicted pain. The first name on my hor-

ror team-sheet is always Mickey Thomas, the Welsh wally, the wing man with the simply that he was a fitful per former, or that he wore his hair in an early Karel Poborsky. What made me loathe him was that he committed the ultimate sin of replacing Gordon Hill, my hero in the Manchester United team of

my formative years. Hill was sold for £250,000 in 1976 after scoring 51 goals in 132 appearances. Thomas cost 2300,000 to fill his shirt and proceeded to score 15 goals in 110 appearances. No piece of business better summed up the pointiessness of Dave Sex-ton's time in charge at Old refford than that

This week I learn that there was a specific reason for Thomas's failure to skip past full-backs or deliver a telling far-post corner. In a new book The Lad Done Bad, by Denis Campbell, Pete May and Andrew Shields, Thomas reveals that he was frequently when he played for United. Unlike Bestie, still suffering

from the night before, Thomas was freshly plastered, so full of alcohol that the 22 men he saw on the pitch were all on

Apparently he felt the pres sure of playing in front of the big crowd and believed he could only relax and play without inhibition while he was under the influence. Tell ingly, his colleagues and his boss didn't seem to notice. Campbell, May and Shields's book — "an affec tionate guide to soccer's hall of shame", they call it — is but the latest incarnation of the enduring fascination we have with footballing bad boys. The publishing industry

clearly regards this as a lucra-tive attitude to exploit. Football Babylon, by Russ Williams, was published last week. It too promises "tales of tion, violence, rumour and hu-mour [about] the game of two

halves". Between them these authors have scoured every cuttings library known to man in search of prurient tales of bad boys from Edwardian times to the present day, Gary Lineker, incidentally, makes no appearance in eithe

This fascination with the cotballer as naughty schoolboy has developed apace these past few years, perhaps as a reaction to the growth of the footballer as celebrity, a giorius, superhuman fizure worthy of unconditional worship or at least £25.99 for his per-sonalised duvet cover. When these creatures are found to have feet of clay we feel more comfortable in our own mediocrity.

And once our heroes ore like one of us, we can rehumanise them. George Best, for all his skill, would have had all the appeal of a robot had he lived like a priest in private (though if Bishop Rod erick Wright is indicative, that is exactly how he did live). But when Mickey seems to me that inverted nero-worship has gone too far

The revelation of Thomas's sordid little secret merely brings out the Michael Howard in me. Anyone who has seen the improvement in Paul Merson's play since he went on the wagon will know that boose is not a performanceenhancing drug.
To play when sozzled is to

cheat the audience. At 80p junior admission to stand in the Stretford End back in 1970 my contribution to Thomas's wages was admittedly mini-mal, but none the less I expacted him to present himsel in the peak of condition.

Now that I know he drunk in charge of a touchline, the screwdriver in the but-tocks he received at a later date for a different transgression (dallying with someone else's wife, as it happens) appears no more than poetic justice.

about Arsenal in The Lad Done Bad, or guffawing his problems with Page Thre girls, and found myself seeing Neil Ruddock in a new light when I read that he and Robbie Fowler once came to blow 2300 designer shoes as a prac

With Thomas I suddenly stopped laughing. Perhaps that is another trait of football fans: our sense of humour fails

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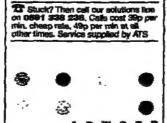
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- 10 Raiders providing members of small community with new leader (9)
- of the grand orator (5,5,4)
- 14 Boss has stratagem to block returning engineers (8)
- 17 Challenge to introduce English
- lation in US state (8) 18 Paddy's money may be bet

- 21 Full of traveller's stuff, perhaps, according to circumstances (2,3,4,3,2)
- Eats in episcopal offices with lack of paletial quality (9)
- Please say it's fine initially though it's dreadful! (7) 26 Officer of state spoils fat king

- 1 Support rainstated? (4) 2. Hope is the name of one in a
- 3 Little monster interrupting
- jazz quartet (6) 4 Fret about something with
- 5 Barrels covering over depression (8)
- 6 A shirty learner going off the ralls in a worthless manner (8) 7 I chose my brush on becoming a painter (10,5) 8 Some French plan to catch
- rodent here are the things you need (10) 12 Machines girls installed under downward air current (10) 15 Diminutive relation on board
- offering items to keep the kids quiet? (8) 16 Shop in w made from the top stuff? (8)

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- set (6) 22 After end of lunch hooter makes a noise (4)



Kanchelskis lure angers Everton

official complaint with Fifa over the conduct of an agent who is seemingly intent on luring Andrei Kanchelskis to Italy. Twenty-four hours after the Russian International, the Russian international, Everton's top scorer last season with 16 league goals, admitted that last month he was approached by a third party claiming to represent Fiorentina, the Merseyside club announced

VERTON will lodge an

Vincenzo Morabito made an illegal approach to a player under contract and in direct contravention of Fifa's regulations.
"We are to report him for

the goal. When the players

returned to the pitch, at least the football suddenly had an

what we construe to be an illegal approach. This will be [an] official contact relating to his recent activi-ties," said Everton's manager Joe Royle.

"We were aware of Flor-entina's interest in our Merseyside club announced player but it was rebuffed. Manche that they would contact Andrei has to keep on play-

world football's governing ing football and leave the body.

They will allege that Kanchelskis, who is preparing for Russia's World Cup qualifying fixture in Israel, said: "A couple of my Russian team-mates who play in Italy rang me to say that reports over there suggested Fiorenting wanted to buy me. Then this agent rang me to say the stories were true." Kanchelskis signed

four-year deal with Evertor in August 1995 after pro-tracted negotiations gave Manchester United a 25 mil-



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